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BOCOG's Olympic HR plan is ready to start

By He Jianwei

Nearly 300 talented young and middle-aged members of organizations connected to the Communist Party of China, state-owned enterprises, higher learning institutions, districts and countries will be selected and assigned to posts in the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG), Xin Tieliang, director

of the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Personnel, said Wednesday.

"BOCOG has prepared 179 positions for the selected people, who will take their posts at the end of July," Zhang Youlin, deputy inspector of the municipal organization department, said.

Xin said BOCOG hopes their abilities will improve by handling the responsibility of Olympic matters serving the Games.

Beijing's transportation agency will recruit 20,000 people to guarantee transportation during the Games. They will be trained with knowledge about the Games, and for organization, management, vehicle dispatch and driving in an effort to improve traffic conditions, Liu Xiaoming, deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Committee of Communication said.

The Municipal Public Security Bureau will build an Olympic security and safeguard team of 12,000 people to offer quick response to problems, Xin said.

All doctors and health service personnel will be given extra training for the Olympics and for related medical services. The selection and training of personnel for doping tests will also be increased.

'Bird's Nest' in the water



A view of the "Bird's Nest" National Stadium beside the Artificial River is taken in Beijing. The river is being tested and workers are planting plants in the river bed.

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Gov to cut pollutants by 10 percent

By Qiu Jiaoning

The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) released an update on the country's current environmental conditions in a report titled "The State of the Environment in China," on Tuesday.

The report sets targets of reducing energy consumption per unit GDP by 20 percent and total emissions of major pollutants by 10 percent by the end of 2010.

SEPA has signed the reduction responsibility agreements with all provincial governments and six key corporations, including Huaneng, Zhang Lijun, deputy head of SEAP, said.

"SEPA takes drinking water safety as its top priority," Zhang said, "Over 7,600 drinking water resources have been inspected, and more than 1,400 pollution sources threatening water safety have been banned and removed."

Surface water across the country is in danger of pollution, the report said. Among China's seven big rivers, the Pearl River and Yangtze River

had the best water quality; the Songhua River, Yellow River and Huaihe River were polluted, and the Liaohe River and Haihe River are heavily polluted, according to the report.

The quality of most of the coastal sea across China is good, with heavy pollution in certain areas. The coastal waters of the South China Sea and Yellow Sea are good, but coastal waters of the Bohai Sea are subject to light pollution. The East China Sea has intermediate pollution levels.

In addition to water, the country's total forest area has grown to 174.91 million hectares with 18.21 percent coverage. The 2,395 nature reserves occupy 151.54 million hectares of land.

"In 2006, the total investment in the prevention and control of environmental pollution across China was 240.28 billion yuan, accounting for 1.15 percent of the year's GDP," Zhang said.

As many as 3,176 enterprises that were illegally discharging pollutants have been banned or shut down.

Effects of global warming intensify

By Qiu Jiaoning

The nationwide average air temperature will increase by 1.3 to 2.1 degrees in 2020 and 2.3 to 3.3 degrees in 2050 over temperatures in 2000, a national report on climate change revealed on Monday.

The warming would increase from the south to north in China, particularly in northwestern and northeastern China where a significant temperature rise is projected. It is estimated that by 2030, the annual temperature will likely increase by 1.9 to 2.3 degrees in northwestern China, 1.6 to 2.0 degrees in southwestern China, and 2.2 to 2.6 degrees in the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau.

"The glaciers in the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau and the Tianshan Mountains would retreat at an accelerated rate, and some smaller glaciers would disappear," Ma Kai, chairman of National Development and Reform Commission, said in a press conference to unveil the report, "The arid area in China will probably enlarge, and the risk of desertification might increase."

Precipitation in China may increase during the next 50 years, with a projected nation-

wide increase of two to three percent by 2020, and five to seven percent by 2050. The most significant increase might be experienced in southeastern coastal regions, according to the report.

Greenhouse gas pollution is a leading cause of global warming. According to tentative estimates by experts, China's total Green House Gas (GHG) emission in 2004 is about 6,100 million tons of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e).

From 1994 to 2004, the annual average growth rate of GHG emissions has hovered around 4 percent, and the share of CO₂ in total GHG emissions increased from 76 percent to 83 percent.

But Ma said China's historical GHG emissions are very low, and per capita emissions remain below the world average. According to the study carried out by the World Resource Institute (WRI), China's cumulative emissions of CO₂ from fossil fuel combustion account for only 9.33 percent of the world's total for 1950 to 2002, and the cumulative CO₂ emissions per capita are 61.7 tons over the same period, ranking the 92nd in the world.

Yonghegong subway closes for 20 days

By Annie Wei

Yonghegong subway station will be closed from Saturday to June 29 for the construction of an exchange hub between the loop line and a new subway line. During the 20-day construction, no trains will stop in Yonghegong.

The local government announced that the east side of the Yonghegong station will be open again starting June 29, but the west side will remain closed until July 28. Wang Yihong, from the Beijing Subway Company, said the west side of the station will be expanded during construction. From Saturday to July 28, the southwest and northwest exits of Yonghegong will be blocked.

The Beijing Subway Company has posted notices in all subway stations. The Beijing Bus Group will increase the number of buses that pass Yonghegong Station to ease the traffic burden.

The new No 5 line will connect Tiantongyuan, north of Beijing to Songjiazhuang, Fengtai, south of the city - a 28-kilometer stretch. The new subway line will be completed by September.

Olympic Day Run to be held in Beijing

By Han Manman

Runners in Beijing can participate in the 2007 Olympic Day Run on June 23 to promote Olympic ideals in China. Thousands of runners are expected to participate.

Song Luzeng, secretary general of Chinese Olympic Committee (COC), said China has been organizing the Olympic Day Run from 1987. Since 2008 will be the Beijing Olympic games, this year's run is especially meaningful.

A COC spokesman said that a many as one million people, including a number of disabled people, participated in the Olympic Day Run worldwide last year. The youngest was an 18-month-old baby from Romania and the oldest an 86-year-old man from Taiwan.

Celebrated each year on June 23, Olympic Day commemorates the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Paris on June 23, 1894. Since 1987 the annual celebrations by National Olympic Committees (NOCs) around the world have been based on the Olympic Day Run. For the last 20 years, the run has been an annual global effort to spread Olympic ideals.

The run is open to everyone regardless of age, ability or gender. It will stretch ten kilometers for seniors, five for adults and three for children and handicapped people.

Group suicide leaves two schoolgirls dead

By Han Manman

Two elementary school students in Taihe County, Anhui Province, drowned in a group suicide after heavy drinking, local police said Wednesday.

According to a statement from Taihe Police, the girls were fifth grade students at an elementary school in Zhangying Village. The suicides were sparked by insults directed at one of the victims after she refused a classmate's romantic advances.

Wang Qin turned down Zhang Qun — an act which led to a flurry of class ridicule that left Wang feeling like an out-

cast, the report said.

Last Thursday, one day before International Children's Day, Wang decided to drown herself in a pond near the school after class to "protect her reputation." Her final note had the words "I died because of you," scrawled on Zhang's chair.

Wang's best friends, the other four girls, decided to follow her and support her on her suicide. All together, the girls drank a pound of *baijiu* and two bottles of beer.

On the way to the pond, one of the girls became scared and ran back to the village for help.

The other four jumped into the pond. Only the two who could swim survived, police said.

Wang Yan, one of the survivors, told the local Xinan Evening News that when she came to the pond, she regretted her choice and tried to persuade the other three to abandon their plan. The other girls refused to listen to her, even when she knelt down and begged them. She said that since she couldn't sway them, they all jumped in hand-in-hand.

Local officials held an emergency meeting last Friday, ordering educational authorities to step up their guidance counsel-

ing activities for students to make sure there are no repeats of such campus crimes.

Taihe police said that although the girl's male classmates had been sexually harassing her, that alone couldn't be blamed for her choice. The girl's own inability to bear social ridicule needs to be taken into account, the police said.

Suicide is the number one cause of death for Chinese children under the age of 14. As many as 100,000 children take their own lives every year, a report released by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention last week said.

Blogger's suicide countdown continues

By Han Manman

An 18-year-old girl from Zhengzhou, Henan Province, became a hot topic recently after publishing her 29 blog entries about death and her plans to kill herself tomorrow.

Calling herself Xing Fangyuan, she began blogging about her suicide plans in April. In her 29 entries, Xing repeatedly mentioned that she would kill herself on June 9. Although her writing was often quite beautiful, the blog was dotted with bloody pictures of suicide ideas. Her postings caught the attention of thousands of netizens, and they tried every means necessary to steer her away from the idea.

In her blog, Xing wrote that she is a student and a poor mother, that no one understands her and that she is tired of living. The postings detail her thoughts and feelings.

On April 24, Xing wrote, "The scar on my wrist has not only brought me pain, but also taught me to mature. I will not failure next time. The idea of dying puts me at ease far more than the idea of living."

"Mom and Dad, everything is because of you. I tried to love you, but finally had to give up. I know how I disgust you. Starting June 9, you won't need to ignore me any more. Will you love me more because of my sensible decision to end my life? Will you smile to me and let me know that I have a family, and am not just a discarded puppet?" she blogged on May 22.

Some netizens said the girl was just looking for attention, and doubted she was really having any mental problems. Far more people tried to steer her away from her goal, and left their contact information in case she wanted someone to talk to. Many shared their own stories of how terrible life can be. Other contacted the media.

Li An, director of the psychology department in Zhengzhou Psychiatric Hospital, said Xing's actions show that she has serious mental problems.

DNA tests ordered for five kidnapped babies



Chinese police officers and medical workers inspect five babies found in the back of a stolen car at Nangong Youyi Hospital in Nangong city, north China's Hebei province Sunday.

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By Chu Meng

Police in Nangong, Hebei Province, will conduct DNA tests on five newborn babies found in a stolen car on June 3 in an attempt to track down the infants' parents.

Officers have taken blood samples from the babies, who are being cared for at Nangong Youyi Hospital. The babies are believed to be about ten days old.

Even the parents may find it difficult to identify their own babies. Police said DNA technology will help them confirm the relationship between the baby and those who come to claim it. Officers are asking the public for any

information about where the babies came from.

The three boys and two girls were found in the back seat of a black Santana sedan when traffic police stopped the vehicle at a toll station on Sunday, Zhang Lianying, director of Nangong's highway patrol, said.

Police confirmed that the car was stolen two weeks ago in Shanghai, 1,100 kilometers south of Nangong, Zhang said. They have so far been unable to identify any of the babies since the two suspects, both men, fled.

The car caught the attention of a highway patrolman when its driver suddenly switched lanes while waiting to pay the

toll. Zhao Ziqiang, one of the officers on duty at the toll station at the time, said he became suspicious when he noticed the car's trunk was missing a lock and looked as if it had been tampered with.

At 3:40am on Sunday, when Zhao demanded the driver undergo a check, the driver and the man in the passenger seat refused to get out or roll down their windows. A minute later, they broke out of the car, tried to stab the officer and fled into the field beside the expressway.

The five babies were immediately taken to a local hospital. Doctors there said the babies are in good health, and are all about the same age.

Seven heritage sites to open on cultural day

By Jiang Xubo

Seven historical sites around the capital will be open tomorrow for the first time as part of the country's second Cultural Heritage Day. Admission will be free for the first day.

The seven heritage sites are Bailin Temple, the No 11 courtyard at Xisi North Santiao, now a kindergarten, Guanghua Temple, where the city's Buddhist Association is located, the site of Beijing Women's Normal Academy, now Luxun Middle School, general Zhang Zizhong's old house, now the site of Zizhong Primary School, and the Niangniang Temple and Yaowang Temple.

Each of the heritage sites will accept 500 visitors on opening day. People must phone to make reservations for their visits.

During the past several decades, visitors have been denied admission to the seven heritage sites despite being on the official city or country-level lists.

Visitors can call the heritage sites at the following numbers:

Bailin Temple (Dongcheng District): 6401 9266

No 11 courtyard (Xicheng District): 6618 2447

Guanghua Temple (Xicheng District): 6405 1509

Site of the Beijing Women's Normal Academy (Xicheng District): 6603 5483

General Zhang Zizhong's old house (Xicheng District): 6601 6459

Niangniang Temple (Fengtai District): 8387 5939

Yaowang Temple (Fengtai District): 6378 3242

Brief news

Earthquake kills three

An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale struck Pu'er City, Yunnan Province, early last Sunday. Three people were killed and 330 hospitalized, local officials said Tuesday.

Soldier dies of bird flu

A 19-year-old soldier died of the virulent strain of bird flu on Sunday. His case marked the country's 16th death from the virus, Ministry of Health officials said Tuesday.

Slight drop in pork prices

The price of pork across the country dropped 0.2 percent last week following an increase in supply, the Ministry of Commerce reported Wednesday.

Lower traffic death toll

The country's traffic accident death toll for the first five months of the year dropped 14 percent from 2006 records of the same time, the State Administration of Work Safety reported Monday. The ministry did not provide numbers to support its claim.

97 million broadband users

As many as 97 million people are online with broadband. The country is now the world's number two broadband internet user, following the US, Zhao Houlin, deputy secretary-general of the International Telecommunication Union, said Tuesday.

(By Jiang Xubo)

A 13-year-old boy from Beijing jumped off the second floor of his dormitory and survived at a Chongqing-based private boot camp after allegedly being abused by the drill sergeants, local newspapers reported.

Weeks later, the trauma still stings for his mother, even after she brought her son back home.

By Jiang Xubo

Xiaozhi (pseudonym) allegedly jumped and fell to the lobby on April 27, after taking four grams of the chemical "purple salt" – a crystalline compound used as an oxidizing agent and disinfectant that is not to be taken orally. It was almost two months after Feng Qiuju, his mother, had sent him to the Dadongfang Drill School, because of the boy's Internet addiction.

"I wasn't sure if the drug could alleviate the pain in my back and

Troubled teen survives jump to expose boot camp

waist. The worst case scenario was that I could at least see my parents if I made it to the hospital," Xiaozhi said.

The mother got a call from the camp that morning and was told that her son had fallen and hurt himself. She took a plane and arrived several hours after the accident and found her son at Southwest Hospital, where the doctors found his esophagus burnt by the chemical and his right arm broken. There were also cuts on his upper lip and jaw.

To the mother's surprise, she also found old scars on her son's legs, waist, chest and shoulders, with one on the right arm as long as several centimeters. The shock of these additional marks prompted her to call the local police.

What happened in the boot camp

"Xiaozhi" had shuttled between Beijing and Shenzhen since his parents separated when he was two, trying different schools in the two cities, both public and private boarding schools. He finally quit school last October after he failed to get himself accustomed to regular schools.

Things progressively got worse for the youngster. He started to steal money from home to buy computer games. He even threatened to jump off a building and kill himself last year during his stay with his father when he felt he was putting too much pressure on him. The boy took 200 yuan without permission and stayed out for two nights during this year's spring festival. His father called the police and finally found him in an Internet cafe. The desperate mother decided to try a new approach when the frustrated father sent the boy back to Beijing again earlier this year.

"We thought stricter administration would work for the child. And we found this Dadongfang Drill School on the Internet, which promised a military-style program. The



Students from Xu Xiangyang Boot Camp in Jiangsu Province have morning exercises like a military camp. CFP Photos



Students have meals in the open air even in winter time.

camp has drills that require a long march that totals 1,000 kilometers over a six-month period, which is designed to physically drain the children and help them avoid bad habits," his mother said.

The mother finally arranged to send him to the Chongqing-based boot camp on March 1, without telling the truth of where he was actually going. This is when the young man's nightmare began.

"I hardly clashed at all with drill sergeants, but they beat me



Some of the students are even under ten years old.

another trainee from Beijing who had quit the camp in late April, also had a similar story to tell. He and three other classmates were caught smoking on March 18. Their sergeant demanded that they lie on their stomachs as they beat them with leather belts. He even turned to using a ruler and a plastic baton to continue the beating after he had broken three belts. According to the young man, it did not stop there. The sergeant went on to order the alleged troublemakers to dip cigarettes into water and demanded they swallow them.

"Xiaozhi" had several unsuccessful suicide attempts, but failed each time. Along with his friend, he plotted to escape just one week before his accident, but again failed.

The parents of these two boys had no idea about what was happening to them at the school as the camp only allowed one letter to be sent each week and only after the camp had read through it, according to "Xiaozhi."

School: punishment is not abuse

The boot camp was a special training institute for troubled teens, which in turn had courses that were different from those in regular schools and were compulsory. "We won't deny that there is going to be some sort of punishment if trainees do something wrong, but it certainly does not equal abuse," Chen Hua, director of the boot camp, told the *Beijing News*.

"It is meaningless to keep talking about what happened to this boy. The police are investigating into the case and they will get the truth," Chen said.

Dadongfang Drill School is registered as a training institute and got a license from the local education committee in Yubei District, Chongqing Municipality, last December. The camp, which focuses on Internet or computer game addictions, claimed to rehab them through military training and discipline.

However, something seems to have gone wrong with the camp's administration. The committee would not disqualify the camp, but banned them from recruiting new trainees since mid-May. "We will not give approval to drill camps any longer," a man surnamed Chen, director from the district's education committee's office for adult and vocational education, said.

Chinese boot camps gained popularity across the country since Xu Xiangyang, a retired veteran, set up the country's first drill camp in 1998 in Jiangsu Province to rehabilitate troubled teens, thanks to the experiences he gained in turning his own troubled son into a successful college student. In addition to Jiangsu Province and Chongqing Municipality, provinces including Hunan, Jiangxi and Heilongjiang also saw their boot camps, with most of them mainly claiming to help troubled children dealing with Internet addiction.

Expert: current boot camps are not the answer

"In the first place, it is hard to tell if the camps and training institutes are well qualified and if they fail to provide unified training courses. Many instructors are inclined to adopt simple and harsh measures in regulating trainees, some even beat them, which will only cause rebellion from these teenagers," Zong Chunshan, director of the Beijing Youth Law and Psychology Consulting Center, said.

"There are similar boot camps for troubled teenagers, but most of them are state-run and state-funded. These camps adopted compulsory courses, but trainees would be allowed to see their family on the weekends. Local courts would appoint proper camps for the children, in addition, their parents had to take part in the training courses, or they would be deprived of seeing their kids.



A double-deck truck is a place both for students to study and to sleep.

daily from the first day I got there, even though I had done nothing wrong," he said.

"Several sergeants kicked me in the back and waist, and beat me with belts and wires one day when they heard me swearing at a sergeant, named Chen Ying. They even put salt in the cuts on my shoulders, chest and arms."

However "Xiaozhi" was not alone. Xiaoyue (not his real name),

FDA advises consumers to avoid toothpaste from China

Rockville, Maryland (FDA) – The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) last Friday warned consumers to avoid using tubes of toothpaste labeled as Made in China, and issued an import alert to prevent toothpaste containing the poisonous chemical diethylene glycol (DEG) from entering the states.

DEG is used in antifreeze and as a solvent.

Consumers should examine toothpaste products for labeling that says the product is Made in China. FDA, somewhat over-cautiously, suggests that consumers throw away toothpaste with that labeling. FDA is concerned that these products may contain DEG, also known as "diglycol" or "diglycol stearate."

FDA is not aware of any US reports of poisonings from toothpaste containing DEG, but the agency is concerned about potential risks from chronic exposure to DEG and exposure to DEG in certain populations, such as children and individuals with kidney or liver disease. DEG in toothpaste has a low but meaningful risk of toxicity and injury to these populations.

FDA increased its scrutiny and began sampling toothpaste and other dental products manufactured in China that were imported into the US.



A customer picking up toothpaste in a Beijing supermarket.

CFP Photo

Gov rejects US warning on toothpaste

Beijing (AP) – China called a US warning to consumers to avoid Chinese toothpaste because it may contain a poisonous chemical "unscientific, irresponsible and contradictory."

In a statement posted on its Web site late Saturday, China's General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (GAQSIQ) said low levels of the chemical have been deemed safe for consumption.

GAQSIQ said that the ingredients of toothpastes exported to the US is offered to the FDA, showing the amount of DEG content. Also, the toothpaste's labeling has already been registered with the FDA, allowing it to be sold in the US, the statement said.

GAQSIQ said experts from the Health Ministry had

deemed DEG a "low-level" poison that does not accumulate in the body and found no evidence the substance caused cancer or deformities.

It also said that EU standards allow for a certain amount of the chemical and cited a 2000 Chinese study that found toothpaste containing less than 15.6 percent DEG was not harmful.

The Chinese toothpaste the FDA is concerned about contains between three percent and four percent of the compound, the FDA said.

"Therefore the warning issued by the FDA ... is unscientific, irresponsible and contradictory," the agency said.

The agency "requests the US to clarify the facts in a scientific manner as soon as possible and properly handle the issue."

Companies deny role in tainted toothpaste

Beijing (Reuters) – Employees at a Chinese company named by US officials as makers of tainted toothpaste denied Saturday that it had used a poisonous chemical in its products, reacting to the latest scare over imported Chinese consumer goods.

"It is not allowed. There are restrictions limiting its use," an employee at Suzhou City Jinmao Daily Chemicals Co Ltd said, when asked about DEG.

The employee, reached by telephone, declined to be named and said he was new at the company and was unfamiliar with its exports.

An employee at a second enterprise named by US officials, Goldcredit International Trading Co Ltd, said the company did not export to the US, but declined to comment further.

Toothpaste isn't the only product with DEG

Chicago (chicagotribune.com) – The FDA has warned consumers to avoid using toothpaste made in China.

But when I typed the chemical name – diethylene glycol (DEG) – in the government's Household Products Database, I found that forms of it are also used in personal care products including a popular baby shampoo used by hospitals, a hair coloring product, antiperspirant and deodorant sticks, liquid toilet bowl freshener and laundry detergents.

Why aren't we worried about these? Or, as the Chinese authorities say, is DEG harmless in low levels?

It's likely we don't know what the dangers really are.

In the US, 80,000 chemicals are registered for commercial use and 62,000 were already in use when the Toxic Substances Control Act was enacted in 1977. But of the chemicals commonly used, fewer than half have been subjected to laboratory testing, according to research from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Police kill child-hostage holder

Shanghai (AP) – Police shot and killed a man who had held a 3-year-old girl at knife point for as many as six hours at a KFC restaurant on Wednesday, the local news reported.

Shanghai Television news reported that the man was killed at 9:35pm, and the girl was unharmed.

More than 100 police and a crowd of over 800 spectators converged on the fast-food restaurant in Putuo District after the man grabbed the toddler around 3 pm, the station reported.

An earlier broadcast said the officers believed the man, in his 40s, had mental problems because he demanded two large bouquets of flowers and later requested a taxi. The man's family was at the scene trying to help officers convince him to release the girl, it reported.

City orders unfit children to take up dancing

Beijing (gulf-times.com) – China has ordered all primary and secondary schoolchildren to take dance lessons from September amid concerns over lack of exercise among Chinese youngsters, especially in urban areas, the *Beijing Morning Post* reported yesterday.

The order is part of a campaign by the education ministry to make children exercise for at least one hour every day during school hours, paper reported.

Students across China will be required to dance every day at school from the start of the new term on September 1.

The ministry will promote seven sets of group dances, including the waltz for boys and girls in senior high school, the newspaper reported. The dancing should take place during breaks or slots for extra-curricular physical exercise, ministry officials said.

Hello 'toilet,' goodbye 'WC' for the Games

Beijing (Reuters) – Beijing's battle to standardize and correct English-language signs in preparation for the 2008 Olympics has claimed another head – "WC."

By the end of the year, all public conveniences in the city will be called "toilets" instead of the venerable, Victorian-era sounding abbreviation for "water closet," the *Beijing News* reported Wednesday.

Also on the list are road signs. Use of romanized Chinese, known as "pinyin," will be replaced with actual English words, except for proper names, the newspaper reported. Out will go Dong Chang'an Jie and in will come East Chang'an Avenue.

The Blacklist

FDA has identified the following brands of toothpaste as tainted ones. The products typically are sold at low-cost, "bargain" retail outlets.

Manufacturer: Goldcredit International Enterprises Ltd Products:

Cooldent Fluoride

Cooldent ICE

Cooldent Spearmint

Dr Cool Toothpaste

Everfresh Toothpaste

Superdent Toothpaste

Manufacturer: Gold Credit International Trading Co Ltd Products:

Bright Max Peppermint Flavor

Clean Rite Toothpaste

Clean Rite Toothpaste Kit

Oramax Extreme Action Kit

Oral Bright Fresh Spearmint

Flavor

DentaKleen

DentaKleen Junior

DentaPro

Manufacturer: Suzhou City Jinmao Daily Chemicals Co Ltd Products:

ShiR Fresh Mint Fluoride Paste

Singapore bans China-made toothpaste

Singapore (AP) – Singapore has banned three types of China-made toothpaste after tests showed they contained a poisonous chemical that has raised concerns in other countries.

The health authority found that three kinds of toothpaste sold in Singapore – "Hei Mei," "Hei Mei Calcium" and "Maxam" – contained between 0.8 percent and 3.9 percent of the chemical, and ordered the companies to pull the items off the shelves.

Nicaragua seizes 40,000 tubes of Chinese toothpaste

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) – Nicaraguan police have seized more than 40,000 tubes of Chinese-made toothpaste suspected of containing a chemical that poses a threat to the human body.

Nicaraguan Health Minister Maritza Cuan said in a news conference last week that officials fear as many as 80,000 tubes may still be on the local market.

Costa Rican retailer hands over toxic toothpaste

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (Reuters) – A Costa Rican retailer handed three tons of tainted toothpaste over to authorities last Tuesday.

Retailer La Bomba had turned over a smaller batch of the toothpaste, tainted with a toxic chemical and exported from Panama, to the government on Friday.

Thousands of tubes of "Dr Cool"-brand toothpaste, along with another Chinese-made toothpaste, Excel, have been pulled from store shelves in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

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Doors to open to private equities

Hong Kong (ft.com) – China signaled that it was prepared to accept foreign private equity groups, following last week's introduction of a law to encourage its fledgling domestic private equity industry.

"China needs to develop more yuan-denominated investment funds," said Wu Xiaoling, deputy governor of China's central bank, adding that the lack of a thriving domestic private equity industry was a "soft rib" in the country's capital market development.

"We hope foreign private equity can make more use of the yuan market and develop more yuan-denominated funds," she said in Tianjin.

Global private equity groups such as Texas Pacific Group, Carlyle Group and KKR have faced stiff political opposition to their investments in China as Beijing has tried to develop domestic private equity and venture capital players.

Total private equity investment in mainland Chinese com-

panies this year has slowed to US\$2.44 billion, compared with US\$7.3 billion in 2006, after Beijing introduced legislation in September to block the use of an offshore corporate structure used by most homegrown and international private equity groups.

But Wu's comments indicate that Beijing has resigned itself to allowing foreigners into the market and is trying to get them to localize operations and sell more investments through the mainland capital markets, instead of

listing companies abroad.

A law that came into effect last Friday establishes a legal framework for private equity and venture capital funds in China, by recognizing their unique structure and simplifying the taxes they have to pay.

"The new law really throws the door wide open for onshore private equity and venture capital yuan-denominated funds," Lester Ross, managing partner at WilmerHale law firm in Beijing said in an interview with FT.

dunhill opens Asia's first concept store

By He Jianwei

"dunhill," the luxury brand for men, unveiled its first new concept store in Asia at the Beijing Shin Kong Place at Huamao Center Place last Saturday.

The decorations in the new store follows the brand's first concept store on No 159 Sloane Street, London.

"We hope customers can experience British culture in China," Amélie de Mony-Pajol, marketing intern and personal assistant from Alfred Dunhill (Shanghai) Trading Co Ltd, said.

Star Alliance unveils new slogan

By Chu Meng

As part of its 10th Anniversary, the Star Alliance network introduced a new slogan, "The Airline Network For Earth," to reflect changes in customer expectations of an airline alliance, this week in Beijing.

The network was established in 1997 as a global airline alliance to offer customers worldwide reach. Today, it offers as many as 16,000 daily flights to 855 destinations in 155 countries.

Yahoo Search gets facelift

By Chu Meng

First there was EasySou, then YiSou, and now the Yahoo Search Engine has received a facelift with an entirely new engine dubbed OmniSearch. The move aims to provide netizens with a friendlier, all-in-one-page search page.

The universal search includes results from webpages, images and blogs in one page. There is no clicking to continue to a "next page." Users can navigate to more results using a series of tabs.

Michelin Man named road ambassador

By Han Manman

Bibendum, known as the Michelin Man for more than one hundred years, was named "Road Safety Ambassador" by the Road and Traffic Security Association of China (RTSAC) yesterday.

As part of the naming, Michelin China and RTSAC launched a one year "Safety – One Step Forward 2007" road safety campaign.

IBM, Lehman buy stake in Kingdee

By Jackie Zhang

IBM and Lehman Brothers announced an investment of HK\$132 million (US\$17 million) to buy a 7.7 percent stake in Kingdee International.

The investment could help boost the fledgling local software industry and help Kingdee in competition with domestic rival Ufida software. It was said to indicate the growing desire of western private equity groups to buy high-growth Chinese companies.

Nestlé sponsors Swiss works in China

By Yu Shanshan

Nestlé announced Nestlé (China) Ltd would sponsor the "House of Switzerland" in Beijing during the 2008 Olympics and the "Swiss Pavilion" in Shanghai, World Expo 2010.

In addition to the two buildings, Switzerland and China will collaborate in more areas, including science, education, culture and business, to build stronger links.

"Nestlé's deep-rooted presence in China is proof of our commitment to China's development," J M Mueller, Chairman and CEO of Nestlé (China) Ltd, said, "Our major sponsorship of the official Swiss activities will help to strengthen our relationship with China."



Chongqing heads for an auto industry

Models posed at the opening of the 2007 Chongqing International Automobile Exhibition yesterday in Chongqing.

The exhibition has a large number of classic cars like Benz 170D, Benz 500K, Rolls Royce silver cloud, Ford A series and Volkswagen's Beetles.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Chongqing as a municipality under the State Council, like Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin. The city is focusing on developing its own auto industry for the southwestern part of China.

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China Netcom, EBU's Olympics broadcast deal

Beijing (Interfax) – China Netcom said it has signed a letter of intent with the European Broadcasting Union to provide the latter with broadcast services during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

According to the agreement, China Netcom will provide international fiber connectivity from the Beijing-based International Broadcasting Center to Moscow, Stockholm, Frankfurt, London, Paris and Geneva.

From these cities, content transmitted from the IBC can then be broadcast as television signals across the European continent and surrounding areas.

Financial details of the deal were not provided.



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Mistress ban

By Huang Daohen

Lawmakers in Guangdong Province are currently considering drafting a law to ban the resurgent trend of keeping mistresses, known as "er nai" in Chinese, *The Beijing News* reported last Wednesday.

The provisions, in a bid to preserve social harmony and tucked within a bill called the "Women's Rights Protection Law," would prohibit married people from building "love nests" and cohabiting with non-spouses.

The draft law would also prohibit non-spouses with full awareness of the marriage from using means other than cohabiting with a spouse to jeopardize marital relations.

Violations of the law could incur administrative penalties, as well as investigation into possible criminal wrongdoing.

"Adding this provision is aimed at preserving and enhancing marital stability," Cheng Jingchu, Guangdong legislator, was quoted by *The Beijing News* as saying.

The tradition of keeping mistresses has reemerged in recent years after being commonplace for centuries, and current marriages have been under assault.

China has repeatedly tried to steam this trend with the help of administrative and ideological methods. Last year, Liu Zhihua, Beijing's vice-mayor was suspended for taking bribes and helping his mistress "materially."

Mistresses that have revenge on their minds have posed another danger for officials. Last year, former deputy commander of the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Wang Shouye was dismissed from his post on charges of economic crimes and "losing his morals."

Comment

The whole is more important than the individual parts. Cells either regenerate or get replaced with newer, updated versions. In not fighting our own nature, we need to be sure our 'human' laws are in harmony with our nature.

— Vegetable Karma

"Public morals" laws never work (prohibition, the "war on drugs," prostitution being "illegal") and usually cause far more harm than any debatable "good."

— Shan

As much as I enjoy supporting as many women as I can afford, governments do have an obligation to legislate human behavior.

In addition, this legislation is key to orderly estate administration. With the increase of the middle class, the court battles between wives and mistresses and their respective children will also be increasing, they are expensive and a waste of precious judicial resources. That's not very healthy for society.

— Law Office of Todd L. Platek

Marriage is, in fact, a legal contract between two people. It is also a moral contract which two people are bound to uphold. Creating a law to outlaw mistresses is totally unnecessary, because you already have all the laws surrounding marriage.

— CLB

People in China (and around the world) have been enjoying extra-marital sex since time began. Outlawing such common, long-standing behavior is like outlawing human nature.

What is the point of marriage, then? If you have entered into the contract of marriage, and you enjoy the 'common' thrills ... what is the point of it all?

It's attitudes as such that has destroyed the institution of marriage around the world ... and it's a damn shame.

— GZ Expat

(Source: Reuters and Danwei.org)



Scientists and protectors found Xiang Xiang wounded again in the heavy snow on December 14. The panda was released on April 28, 2006, but constantly turned up wounded throughout the year. CFP Photo

Released panda found dead

By Huang Daohen

A five-year-old male panda — who last year became the first bred in captivity ever to be returned to the wild last year — has been found dead, a Chinese nature reserve official confirmed last week.

The body of the panda, named Xiang Xiang in Chinese, was found on February 19 on snow-covered ground in the forests of Sichuan Province, the official said.

He survived less than a year after nearly three years of learning skills in captivity intended to help him survive in the wild.

According to Heng Yi, an official at the Wolong Panda Research Centre in Sichuan, Xiang Xiang was apparently attacked by wild pandas defending their territory and may have fallen to his death in the fight that followed.

When his body was found, he had serious injuries, including broken ribs on one side of his chest and stomach, which suggested that he had fallen from a high place, probably a tree or a rock.

The body also had extensive scratch marks, Heng said.

Heng refused to say why there had been a three-month delay in reporting Xiang Xiang's death, but was quoted by *The Daily Telegraph* as saying that he had not given up on reintroducing pandas to the bamboo forests of Sichuan.

The panda's fate is a reminder that the natural home of the panda is a different and more unforgiving place than the protected breeding centers.

Still Xiang Xiang's death will continue to stir debate over whether a panda should be reintroduced to the wild in this manner.

Comment

We cannot and will not deny science the opportunity of reintroducing pandas to the wild, just because of one unfortunate incident. Next time we will choose a female panda.

— Heng Yi,

Wolong Panda Research Centre

It is strange that normally scientifically minded people want to fight so hard against evolution in the case of the panda. Sure, it can be claimed that they have such low numbers due to human activity, but that is only partially true, and there is only so much you can do to try to fix something before you should give up and let nature run its course.

— Kelpdip

Nature is not the one "weeding" out the Panda — we are. Pandas used to be hunted and are now closer to extinction because their habitats are becoming smaller and smaller. They also can't travel to other more fertile areas because they are increasingly being surrounded by human habitats.

We're the ones that are causing them to go extinct.

— ElectroBot

It's always sad when a captive panda, after a lifetime of sitting in a tree and eating bamboo in captivity, is unable to sit in a tree and eat bamboo in the wild.

— Jozer99

I am very heart-struck to hear the news of the panda's death. We should try our best to give back the areas we have taken from the animals. I believe that man will eventually establish a harmony with animals in the end.

— Jonathan

That crowd around him can't have helped his survival prospects. Surely, his contact with humans should be kept to a minimum, rather than treating the poor



Xiang Xiang was released on April 28, last year. CFP Photo

panda like a circus exhibit.

— Kerry Livermore, London

We were just at Wolong Centre and it was packed this past weekend so it's very sad news. The project is dedicated to the procreation of pandas and their release into the wild, and I am sure that they will continue in their efforts to ensure the continuation of this endangered species.

— Calvin Lee, Shanghai, PRC

(Source: timesonline.co.uk and digg.com)

Reinventing Lu Xun

By He Jianwei

Canada's Theatre Smith-Gilmour and the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center will present "Lu Xun Blossoms" – the first ever Sino-Canadian theatrical co-production, at Beijing Renyi Mini Theater from June 6 to 10.

The project will be based on the brilliant short stories of Lu Xun, considered by many to be the father of contemporary Chinese literature. "I have been reading collections of Lu Xun in both English and French since the summer of 2005 and we worked on a project in cooperation with the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center since last May," Dean Gilmour, one of the founders of the Smith-Gilmour Theater, said.

"I know Lu Xun's works reflect

the historical facts of China in the 20th century. Our show wants to show him in a different light from what was taught in the schools here," he said.

Gilmour believes that Lu always revealed his search for freedom of expression and imagination. "As we work on the show, we want to free the actors and let audiences' imagination run free," he said.

In Gilmour's mind, Lu is China's Anton Chekhov, because both of them show deep humanity, have the vision of ordinary people and reveal the human struggle to survive. "We just want to discover a new world about Lu and to make a bridge between English and Mandarin and between Western and Eastern culture," he said.

After the Beijing shows, they

plan to perform in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Macao this September, and at the International Theater Festival in Toronto, Canada, next year.

As well as Lu stories, Gilmour would like to read the stories about ghost lovers and fox spirits by Pu Songling (1640-1715), a writer during the Qing Dynasty. "But we still don't have any definitive plans at the moment," he said.

Gilmour and Smith met in 1978 while studying at the School of Jacques Lecoq in Paris, France. In 1980, they formed the company and have since created 30 shows, 16 of which were original plays. The company has toured across Canada several times and been to 14 countries throughout Europe and Asia.



Dean Gilmour (right) as Kong Yiji, a character in Lu Xun's short story collection Call to Arms.

Photo provided by Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center

Classic cars bound for Paris



By Huang Daohen

A classic car tour, launched by sixteen New Zealanders, started in Tianjin last Wednesday.

The travel venture, with a collection of Fiat, Ford, Volvo, Volkswa-

gen, Saab and other classic cars, is to commemorate the "Peking to Paris Motor Challenge" race that began in 1907.

After arriving in Beijing, the tour will follow the same route to Paris, trying to experience the same adventure that took place 100 years ago.

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Howard to deliver on court

By Huang Daohen

Orlando Magic forward Dwight Howard has been in China all this week, helping out to promote the NBA China Games this year.

His dunks might be awesome, but the same cannot be said for his command of the Chinese language. "I love you, China." The 6-foot-11 All-Star huffed, puffed, and finally struggled to get out these simple Chinese words Tuesday at Xidan shopping mall, in front of local reporters and basketball fans.

To make amends, Howard promised to deliver on the court when his team takes on the Cleveland Cavaliers in two preseason games in Shanghai in October.

While asked who was his favorite athlete? Howard quickly responded with "Yao Ming," pausing for a few seconds for effect, and then saying Roger Federer - the tennis star from Switzerland.

"I love Yao Ming," he said. "I love playing against him. We're probably going to be rivals until we retire from the NBA."

Howard also talked about Yi Jianlian, the Chinese forward, who's expected to go in the first round of this month's NBA draft.

"I think he's going to be one of the best rookies to come out of the draft this year," Howard said, adding that Yi still needs to stay focused to overcome the huge challenges ahead and try not to get caught up in the media attention and all the prevailing hype.



Howard shared basketball with fans at Xidan Tuesday.

Xinhua Photo

Americans tout Tibetan art

By Gan Tian

Tony Scott and his American co-curator Leigh Sangster opened a special gallery on Tibet contemporary art at Red Gate Gallery last week by introducing the work of artists on urban Tibetan life.

Entitled "Lhasa - New Work from Tibet," the exhibition conveys how Tibetans live in the twenty-first century but continue to maintain their deep connections to past and traditions.

Sangster had been studying Tibetan religion, culture, history and language for many years. She fell in love with contemporary Tibetan art in 2001 when she came across some paintings in



Tony Scott (left) and Leigh Sangster (right)

Photo provided by Red Gate Gallery

a café in Lhasa and three years later began working towards a PhD in this field. Her love and passion has allowed the artists themselves to become recognized

experts in this little-known artistic style.

When she brought the works to Beijing, they soon caught the attention of Scott, who was work-

ing for Red Gate Gallery. "We don't usually see this type of contemporary art in Beijing these days," Scott said.

Sangster didn't have enough time to talk to the public as she had been in Beijing for only a few days and would return to Tibet on Friday.

Scott mentioned the most interesting part of the gallery is that the artists in Tibet use various ways of media to finish their work. "There are not only just oil paintings, there are photos, computer designs, logos, and they are based on things that appeal to the masses like the environment, the economy, tourism, and the rapid changes taking place in our cities. Tibet has now become more global."

The exhibition will last until the 17th of this month.

France, China 'build' on their relationship

By Han Manman

A two-day seminar between French and Chinese architects and master builders with the theme of the city's future construction and development began yesterday at the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall.

Organized by French Architects for Export, the Beijing Institute for Architectural Design and Research, and the China Centre of International Cultural Exchange, the seminar invites French architects to make presentations about their own projects.

In the seminar, the architects and master builders also exchanged ideas with Chinese architects, investors and construction owners.

According to Ma Chong, from the business department of the French Embassy, half of France's overseas projects are here. In China, many completed and almost completed projects also involve French architects.

French architects in the seminar from AREP, ARTE, and SAREA are all making an effort toward China's urban

construction, including Paul Andreu, who designed the Beijing Opera House and the Shanghai International Airport. AREP designed the new capital museum. ARTE developed the office design for the Shanghai Opera House and renovated the Shanghai Nanjing Road and Pudong Century Boulevard, while SAREA was responsible for the new French Embassy.

Ma said the architects this time also brought their distinctive European style to the seminar and discussed ideas and experiences with the participants.

Accompanying the seminar, an exhibition titled "French Contemporary Architecture" by renowned French architect Marc Mimram also began yesterday and will last until Sunday.

The exhibition will introduce 56 French office projects. The exhibition is held in eight topics including city view, intelligent building, residential area, culture area (opera house, theater, museum) and educational area (university, library).

Saleem presents nature in his paintings, where geometric forms and lines emerge with an abstract style that makes color the most important element in his composition, along with contrasting or overlapping forms.

Solo exhibition held in Bangladesh embassy

By Gan Tian

Khurshid Alam Saleem, a Bangladeshi artist currently based in New York, ran a solo painting exhibition at the Bangladesh Embassy from Monday to Wednesday this week.

"This is the first time I've been to Beijing. I think Chinese artists are doing very well in pursuing modern art," Saleem said. He said local artists seem very "Westernized," but with a distinct international touch that allows them to accept modern ideas.

"We are trying to show people that Bangladeshi art is very advanced, and our country has many internationally famous artists," Faiyaz Murshid Kazi, second secretary in the Embassy, said. He said more and more people are becoming interested in Bangladeshi art.

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Russian Consulate-General in Guangzhou established



The Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Guangzhou was established Wednesday. Russian Ambassador to China Sergey Razov, Consul General of the Russian Consulate General in Guangzhou Sergey Kotov and Director General of the Russian Foreign Ministry Doku Zavgayev attended the news briefing. (From left) CFP Photo

Beijing selects Climate Cool ambassadors

By Jackie Zhang

Two Beijing middle school students have been selected as Young Ambassadors to attending the International Student Summit 2007 in London next month as part of the two-year Climate Cool event.

The students, Ding Shan-shan and Wu Di, were selected from 16 candidates nominated

by 21 local schools. "We interviewed every student to judge his English ability, interest in environmental issues, understanding of climate change and presentation skills," Rebecca Nadin, assistant director of the sports and science team from the British Council Beijing, said.

Climate Cool was put to-

gether by the British Council China and the China Science and Technology Exchange Center (CSTE), Ministry of Science and Technology this March. The event will take place simultaneously in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Chongqing.

"The point is to help people learn the importance and danger of climate shifts, and

to encourage them to ... reduce [their] bad influences on climate change," Nadin said.

From July 9 to 16, the students, together with five peers from Guangzhou, Shanghai and Chongqing, will have a six-day visit to London to meet with British politicians, organizers of environmental events and scientists.

Brazilian film festival to encourage co-productions

By Annie Wei

The first Brazilian Film Festival in China will showcase 11 films from June 11 to 16 at Star City Cinema in Oriental Plaza, Beijing.

Vilma Lustosa Barbosa, director of the annual Rio International Film Festival, will attend on June 11 to greet

Chinese filmmakers. Barbosa said a festival scheduled for this September in Brazil will focus on China, and she plans to screen as many as ten Chinese films.

Officials at the Brazilian embassy said its country's government offers foreign filmmakers a preferential policy,

which includes tax breaks for foreign companies who co-produce films with locals. Manoel Rangel, president of Brazil National Film Agency, is expected to foster more China-Brazil co-productions during his visit.

So far, two leading film directors have announced their moves in Brazil: Yu Lik-wai

announced his China-Brazil project Plastic City in February, and Chen Daming will discuss a new project with Brazilian film companies in Beijing. Chen, who just penned the script of the project, will also serve as the Promotional Ambassador for The Brazil Film Festival in Beijing.

Embassy information

New visa fees for Norway

New visa fees started June 1. Family reunification visas have been increased to 3,600 yuan (US\$470). The fee must be paid when submitting an application. Short-stay visas or Schengen visa (maximum 90 days) are 600 yuan (US\$80). Until January 1, 2008, the visa fee for nationals of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and the Ukraine will still be 35. Applications for work and study, or renewal of such permit, are 1,300 yuan (US\$180).

British Embassy job vacancy

Position: Visa Register Assistant in Beijing

Closing Date: June 24, 5pm

Open to: British Citizens with a 'Z' Visa, spouses of British or Foreign Diplomats with a 'W' Visa

Conditioned working hours are 35 hours/week, 7 hours daily from Monday to Friday.

Starting Monthly Salary: 12,877 yuan (before tax)

Canadian Embassy job vacancy

1. Position: Public Affairs Assistant

Closing Date: June 17

Starting Annual Salary: 90,000 yuan (before tax)

Open to: Chinese Nationals with a valid Beijing "Hukou"

2. Position: Medical Doctor, Immigration Section

Closing Date: June 17

Starting Annual Salary: 796,911 yuan

Open to: Expatriates residing in Beijing and spouses of diplomatic staff.

3. Position: Program Assistant

Closing Date: June 10

Starting Annual Salary: 161,964 yuan

Open: Expatriates residing in Beijing

4. Position: Registry Clerk

Closing Date: June 10

Starting Annual Salary: 136,559 yuan

Open: Expatriates residing in Beijing

Australian Embassy job vacancy

Position: Administrative Assistant

Part-time, 18.75 hours per week

Closing Date: June 15

Open to: Expatriates residing in Beijing

(For more information, please visit the embassy website)

(By Han Manman)

Calligraphy comes to life for foreign students

By Gan Tian

High school students at Dulwich College Beijing have been holding an exhibition titled "Action Calligraphy" at the Sanshang, an art center in Caochangdi art district since Monday.

"Action Calligraphy" was specially designed for foreign students to gain a deeper understanding of classic Chinese writing and painting. Chinese calligrapher Wei Ligang and artist Yu Peng were invited to teach them how to use the brushes and ink, and to help them understand the structure and beauty of the characters. All the students from each grade level took part in the activity, while showing great interest in the culture. "In Chinese tea culture, you have to consider your guests, weather and environment, as well as other factors. We really don't have anything like this back home," a British student that took part in the tea lectures said.

Lynda Chang, who organized the activity and Chinese cultural activities' liaison at Dulwich College Beijing, believes foreign students can benefit greatly from these types of activities. "Many expats only get a



Students from Dulwich College Beijing learning calligraphy from Chinese calligrapher and artist in Sanshang art center last week.
Photo provided by Dulwich College Beijing

small glimpse of real Chinese culture. We are trying to help them understand the ink and wash painting spirit. You can't really figure out what characters they are writing, but the point is, they are using writing brushes and ink," she said.

To meet the high demand, there will be more lectures on Chi-

nese tea culture, Guqin and Kun Opera at the Sanshang Art Gallery and Dulwich College Beijing. "We are planning to expand these lectures to elementary students. We should take responsibility to spread our culture to foreigners, so they don't just see what is on the surface."

Middle School Principal Graeme Salt and Middle School Art Director Geoff Ballard supported "Action Calligraph," saying the school is paying more and more attention to spreading Chinese culture among foreign kids.

The exhibition will last until the end of this month.

Orphans from Hebei enjoyed Beijing tour

By Qiu Jiaoning

Nokia volunteers and their families treated the children from the Hebei Zhaoxian Orphanage to a wonderful day out at Elk Park, Tiananmen Square, Beijing Zoo and Oceanarium last Saturday.

There are more than 30 orphans of various ages at the orphanage, and a total of 93 volunteers came to Elk Park. After a short period of getting to know each other, the volunteers spent time with one child for each family.

Colin Giles, president of Nokia (China), participated in the event with his daughter and sponsored one lucky child. "We have been helping these children for six consecutive years. Last year, Nokia volunteers went to Zhaoxian to spend Children's Day with the kids in the orphanage," Giles said.

"Youngsters are the future of the country, but the orphans are in want of love and affection from parents," Giles said, "By inviting them to spend a day with us in Beijing, we are trying to generate more awareness from everyone to help out."



Colin Giles, Nokia China, donates books to the orphanage.
Photo provided by Nokia

German environmentalist launches green classes

By Qiu Jiaoning

Germany's volunteer environmentalist, Ingrid Vahland, launched her green classes in China this month with a class on environmental safety at Yanqing's Yongning Middle School, a green school on the outskirts of Beijing, as the kick-off of an environmental event sub-programmed by Volkswagen.

She engaged students in a series of talks and activities aimed at promoting awareness of garbage as a recyclable resource.

Using video and graphics in a captivating demonstration, Vahland outlined common ways German families use to sort waste into different types, and then dispose of the recycled material. She also explained to students – perhaps environmental leaders of the



Ingrid Vahland with Chinese students.
Photo provided by Volkswagen China

future – the "3-R" principles of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." She also talked about global goals on protecting the environment and saving resources, and called on the youths of today to help contribute to the Beijing Green Olympic Games and for a sustainable development of

the environment in the future.

"To discuss with Chinese students on Green future is a very interesting and precious experience, from which I could get closer to the real situation of Chinese environmental protection," Vahland said, "I am also very surprised to know that actually the environmental education situation in China is really amazing; students here know lots of information and daily tips on environmental protection."

The most significance for Green Class is that we can bring the latest information on environmental protection to the students and have an interactive discussion with them, instead of just teaching, she added.

The event spreads environmental protection knowledge and raises the awareness, Vahland said.

Think global, map local

By Chu Meng

The founder of Green Map System (GMS), Wendy Brawer of New York, will arrive in Beijing tomorrow to take part in a special Green Map Bike Tour with local Green Map volunteers in Shichahai. Later she will hold a small workshop to share the colorful and inspiring stories about Green Map projects all over the world.

GMS is a New York based NGO whose main mission is to promote sustainability and community participation in the local natural and built environment. GMS offers adaptable tools and a global ico-

nography for making environmental and cultural maps, empowering local project leaders to give familiar places a fresh perspective.

"GMS aims to help people of all ages represent and share their local eco-cultural resources, to promote efforts underway in communities across the globe, to build inclusive networks that expedite progress toward sustainability, to employ the info-web in service of the web-of-life and to learn from the beauty, brilliance and diversity of nature. Together, we will make our hometowns better, healthier

places," Brawer said yesterday via a telephone interview.

The organization supports local Green Mapmakers as they create perspective-changing community "portraits" which act as comprehensive inventories for decision-making and as practical guides for residents and tourists.

It has been developed collaboratively since 1992, and is now active in 400 cities, villages and neighborhoods in 50 countries. If you would like to take part in the Green Map Bike Tour at 8:30am in the Lotus Market. Please contact at 6523 2040.

Events

A talk by Peter Wilson: Running across the Gobi

The Gobi March is an extreme challenge event attracting 100 elite athletes from around the globe. Their mission is to race across the world's largest cold winter desert.

The Gobi is a massive challenge; an inhospitable desert with extreme variations in terrain such as mountains, rocks, grasslands, salt flats and sand dunes.

Peter Wilson will come to The Bookworm a week before this year's week-long endurance race to describe his training, his expectations and his motivations to compete in this incredible event.

Where: The Bookworm, Building 4, Nan Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang

When: 7:30pm, June 12
Tel: 6586 9507

Talk: Peering into the Mystery of I-Ching

The ancient Book of Changes is known by many, yet understood by few. Researcher and teacher Ma Ning will provide an introduction of I-Ching. The talk will be conducted in Chinese with English interpretation.

Where: Chinese Culture Club, Kent Center, No 29 Anjialou, Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang
When: 1:30-3pm, June 13
Cost: 60 yuan

Tel: 6432 9341 (Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm), 6432 1041 (weekday mornings and evenings; and weekend, rerouted to mobile phone)

Quebec National Day party at the bookworm

The Quebecois community will celebrate Quebec's National Day at The Bookworm this month.

Where: The Bookworm, Building 4, Nan Sanlitun Lu, Chaoyang

When: June 22, 6pm
Cost: 120 yuan per person, free for kids under 12
Tel: Denise Milot
139 1011 9354 to purchase the tickets

Lecture on CDM in rural China

Dr Paul Thiers from Washington State University will deliver a lecture on "Potential Impacts of the Clean Development Mechanism on Sustainable Development in Rural China."

China is now the leading host country for greenhouse gas reduction projects using the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol. Many of these projects will have environmental and social impacts on rural China.

Where: China Environment and Sustainable Development Reference and Research Center, China-Japan Friendship Environmental Protection Center, Room 701, No 1 Yuhui Nanlu, Chaoyang

When: June 12, 2-4pm
Tel: 8463 6353

(By He Jiamwei)

Hong Kong Jockey Club sets up shop in town

By Chu Meng

A new exclusive clubhouse for the famed Hong Kong Jockey Club will open in Beijing at the end of the year. Nationwide application procedures began this week.

Both qualified Chinese and international residents can gain membership to the Beijing Hong Kong Jockey Club Clubhouse through a series of rigid and authoritative examinations.

After three-months of testing during November, December and next January, the new club will officially open in early 2008 and all of the members in Beijing will receive the same benefits as its Hong Kong members.

Shirley Wang, public relations manager of the Beijing Hong Kong Jockey Club Clubhouse, said, "The initial purpose of the Beijing Clubhouse is to facilitate our Hong Kong members. The club's survey showed that more and more members now travel to the capital on a regular basis. The Beijing clubhouse is intended to meet their needs for their business needs and social activities."

The Beijing Clubhouse will operate as a stand-alone enterprise. Subject to demand, it will accept applications for membership from the mainland,



Horse-racing in Hong Kong attracts the richest.

CFP Photo

both Chinese and foreigners with reciprocal arrangements for the use of parts of the Hong Kong facilities.

Located in the heart of Beijing in the prestigious Wangfujing area, the new building will house 90 guest suites, Chinese restaurants with private dining rooms, a coffee shop, banquet rooms, a business center and an indoor swimming pool and gym.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club is a private institution established in 1884 and has developed into one of the finest

membership clubs in Asia. Its rich history and tradition have won it world-wide acclaim. The club is Hong Kong's only authorized operator of horse racing, regulated soccer betting and the Mark Six Lottery. It also helps the government combat illegal bookmaking activities.

Under a non-profitable-organization mode, it has no shareholders, ensuring that its surpluses can be donated to charities and community projects. Over the past decade, the club has donated over HK\$10 billion,

making it the largest non-governmental donor in Hong Kong.

People who have interests in joining the Hong Kong Jockey Club can start consulting now:

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Tel: 010-5911 8888 ext. membership department

Fee: 250,000 yuan (not including 1,300 yuan monthly fee) for individual membership, 800,000 yuan (not including 1,300 yuan monthly fee) for corporate membership.

Tickets for NBA games on sale

By Huang Daohen

Tickets for the NBA China Games 2007, featuring three games between the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Orlando Magic and the China Men's National Team, will go on sale from this Sunday.

Basketball fans can call +400-707 9999 or login at emma.cn to book tickets. They range in price from 200 to 22,000 yuan, and can be purchased on an individual or group basis. A limited number of corporate boxes will also be available.

An individual purchaser is restricted to a maximum of four tickets and they will all be available on a first-come first-serve basis.

The first game will be held in Shanghai on October 17 between

the Magic and the Cavaliers at the 13,779-seat Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena. The next day, the Magic will take on the Chinese National Team, and a rematch with the Cavs will take place on October 20.

All three games will be carried live on CCTV 5 and the SMG sports channel. The games will also be televised in more than 200 countries, including the United States.

The NBA China Games 2007 is the league's second set of pre-season games in China. In 2004, the National Basketball Association became the first North American professional sports league to hold games in China, with two match-ups between the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings in Shanghai and Beijing.



Chinese fans were crazy back in 2004 to get tickets for the first NBA game in China, which was held in Beijing.

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New quotas on duty-free DVDs and books issued

By Jiang Xubo

Transnational travelers will have to pay taxes on CDs, DVDs, tapes and books that exceed the country's new quotas for duty free, according to the China Customs' new regulations, which went into effect this month.

Travelers are entitled to 10 separate duty-free editions of publications, including books, newspapers and periodicals, and 20 separate duty-free items of

audio or video products when coming or leaving the country. The tax exemption also applies to travelers if their books, tapes, CDs or DVDs prove to be released in sets, with three sets being the quota.

For separate books, travelers have to declare any books between ten and 50. For set books, any between three and ten would have to be declared. For separate items of audio or

video products, travelers have to declare anything over 20 and below 100. For audio or video sets, any over three and below ten needs to be declared.

All books, tapes, CDs and DVDs that are viewed for business purposes when they go beyond these certain quotas will need to be declared. For books, the quota is 50. For sets of books, it is ten. For items of separate audio or video items, it is 100.

And for sets, it is ten.

Prints or audio and video products, which contain content threatening to the Constitution, the country's unification and the integrity of sovereignty and territory, denigrating to the Communist Party of China or defaming of the government, are not allowed to be brought into or taken out of the country.

The country issued similar regulations in 1991, but gave no quotas.

ASK Beijing Today

Email your questions to: weiyang@ynet.com

Hey, I am looking for some gas barbecues, do you know where I can get one?

You can get some cheap ones from mega-shopping centers like Carrefour, Wal-mart, or Sanfu – an outdoor sports gear shop (sanfu.com). But we hear that barbecues under 1,000 yuan in China takes a lot of manual work and the heat is often not on even. If you do not mind paying a little more, you can go for the expensive store at Pacific-Plaza near Changhongqiao, East Third Ring Road.

I know this Chinese girl through some of my friends and I think she is quite funny in a lot of ways. But last weekend, when I was telling a joke, she gave me a hard kick even though she was laughing. She has even slapped my back really hard on a few occasions. I don't like it, and I do not think I can slap her back. What should I do?

Why not just tell her directly that you don't like it. Maybe she's just not aware that you don't like being slapped. Maybe she thinks it is all in good fun.

I am wondering how China's online shopping works, like the website Taobao.

Normally, many sellers on Taobao have put their contact numbers online. So you can just call them, asking for more information and then place the order. If you and your seller are in the same city, you can go to pick up your order in person. Or, you can ask them to deliver through the post office or by express. Normally, you pay extra for the delivery if what you have purchased doesn't cost much. Or, you have to pay them through the bank or a post office transfer. Sometimes, you can pay cash-on-delivery as well.

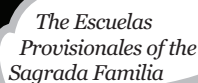
I'm moving for the first time since I came to Beijing two years ago. When I first got here everything I had fit into one suitcase. But now, I have too much stuff. Do you know where I can get some boxes for the move?

You can buy boxes from the post office. If you want bigger boxes, call a moving agency. Normally they have big-size boxes for sale as well. To save money, you can get plastic bags at 6 yuan from your local grocery store.

We are making some big posters and looking for stores that sell canvases and paint.

A place called Meishuguan is well known and has a lot of outlets that sell everything you need for painting. We recommend its store just north of Wangfujing, and south of Houhai. It's easy to get there by cab or you can take bus 104 or 107.

(By Wei Ying)



Getting

However, after taking a few steps leading to the ground floor, you will feel like you are in Spain.

thing you see upon entering Hall A as the warm and flamenco music fills it.

A series of photos of his life arranged chronologically also explains his life in great detail. Stone chairs are provided so that visitors can relax while viewing the clips.

Just around the corner are Gaudi's unique takes on housing decorations – particularly his unorthodox wooden chairs that are designed in unparallel shapes. His architecture and designs are often overwhelming with the richness of their colors and his incorporation of nature into his work. The posters, the illustrated books and the visuals only manage to show the cream of the crops of his many accomplishments.

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As Spain's biggest event of the Year in China, the exhibition "Design," presented by the State Corporation for Overseas Cultural Exchange, the China National Art Museum, shows the complete collection of renowned Spanish

There are four sections in the exhibition: Seeing Gaudi, where visitors can see the original models of Gaudi's buildings; Geometry, presented by the use of models; Designer Gaudi, where visitors can see the original drawings and models of Gaudi's buildings; and Gaudi's life, where words, photos, and video clips are presented.

His life

Antoni Gaudí was born in Reus, Spain. He studied architecture (1874-1878) and designed Casa Vincens in Barcelona. He set a precedent for modern architecture.

Over the course of

Over the course of his career, Gaudí was famous for his organic, curving, almost surreal forms. He viewed him as the innovative leader of the movement. With little regard for traditional architectural order. His characteristic style was a departure from the traditional order. His characteristic style drew admiration from many. Gaudí was a lifelong Catalan nationalist, and so was his architecture. He died on June 10, 1926, and was buried in the beloved Sagrada Família.



The Pedrera
(1905-1910),
Barcelona



Park Guell

to know Gaudi

n "Cosmos Gaudi: Architecture, Geometry and
tural Action of Spain (SEACEX) and the Capital
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Comment

Last year was the 60th anniversary of Gaudi's death.
After 60 years, when we look at the work he did with
languages of nature, we can hopefully find some hints of
nature in today's architecture.

— **Guo Xiaoling, curator of the Capital Museum**

People can interpret in their own ways the archi-
tectural concepts of buildings in Barcelona, Comillas,
Astorga and Leon. We hope through this exhibition that
Spanish culture can be better understood in China.

— **Carmen Cerdeira, president of SEACEX**

Gaudi's works are just like his own spiritual pur-
suing, very crazy and extremely persistent. His works
present a little religious feeling and strong individual-
ism and are another face of the city, which you cannot
see everyday.

— **Yan Ming, postgraduate student majoring
in architecture, Beijing Forestry University**

Cosmos Gaudi, Architecture, Geometry and Design

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When: Tue-Sun 9am-5pm, until August 2

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The Pedrera
(1905-1910),
Barcelona
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Fashion Market 2

By Annie Wei

Chuangyishiji ("fashion market" or "creative market") has been a word on the lips of all young urbanites, thanks to Wang Yiyi's *Fashion Market* book series and some national youth magazines' holding promotional events in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hangzhou and Nanjing.

Wang, 29, from Taiwan Province, lives in London and works as the designer for noodoll, a UK toy brand. Her first book, *Fashion Market: Interviews with 16 UK Artists and Designers*, was released in 2005.

Fashion as creativity

Noticing the popularity of her book among younger audiences, Wang continued her documentation of London's fashion market in her latest book, *Fashion Market 2: Interviews with 13 UK Artists and Designers from the Fashion Market* (Sanlian Life Bookstore, 28 yuan, bilingual).

It's a small-size, well-packaged book packed with pictures and interviews with artists and designers. The book shows how these people make a living as artists, and how they organize their jobs and lives, expand their businesses and try to make ends meet. These are all interesting to read and might inspire people with the same dream. Wang also lists each designer's website and email address, as well as which market they sell their works at.

From Spitalfield to Up Market

Wang introduced Spitalfield's Market in her first book, famous for freelance artists and their works in London. In this book, she says Spitalfield's Market has gone through a major shift, and half of the market is under

construction for a big, new shopping complex. Wang says Up Market is the new market to be at.

She gathers interviews of people from Spitalfield's Market and Up Market, some of whom have been traders for a long time, and some of whom are new-comers. "They all have the same attitude – that of trying to make a living whilst maintaining their dreams and being true to themselves. It is not easy to be an artist or designer. Sometimes you just need to follow what your heart tells you – to be a little bit more adventurous and consistent," Wang writes.

Among the artists covered, Eleanor Patricia Logans' art really stood out. Most of her works are of girls, especially ones from comic books. The girls she creates are more than just "sexy" – they have interesting personalities that echo the

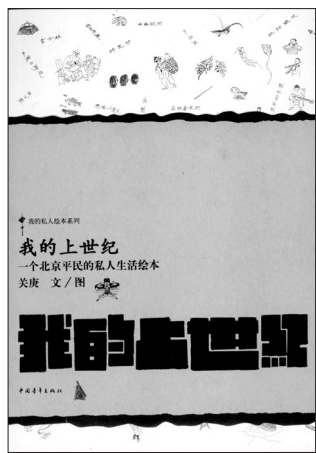
women around us.

Motivation of publishing

"I enjoy going to markets. There are endless creative thoughts and souls as each day goes by. The London market scene is so exciting and inspiring, and my reasons for going are still the same. The only difference now is that I have met so many friends through writing these books. These friends

are a great inspiration to me, and going to the market has become an even more meaningful activity because of them," she writes.

Her books are not just to inspire the masses and spark interest in art. She says she "hopes this book will bring your inner child out – to be playful, realize your dreams and act on your imagination."



By Annie Wei

It's kind of embarrassing when people ask me questions about Beijing, or even Guangxi, my hometown, and I turn out to be ignorant. I have to explain again and again, "Oh, well, I'm not from Beijing," or, "I left my hometown when I turned 17, so I can't remember clearly."

Luckily, some authors have a far better memory than this reporter.

Guan Geng is the author and illustrator of *My Last*

My Last Century

Century (China Youth Publishing House, 38 yuan). Born in a typical Beijing *siheyuan*, or courtyard home, in 1939, Guan recalls the last century of changes in Beijing.

The past is not always sad

When some people talk about the past, they have a dramatic, sad tone – as if they are talking about death – and focus on how terrible the living conditions were, or on their hunger and poverty.

Unlike the average man on the street, Guan is not an emo kid. He is not sad. He likes telling stories to young children. In his book, he vividly describes his childhood, his family, his school life, marriage and love stories. Through all these details, you can feel the dramatic shift in customs, architecture and the people themselves. The book is rich in imagery of street vendors, ordinary people, simple happi-

ness, family members' passings and major historical events, like thousands of people lining Chang'an Avenue for Prime Minister Zhou Enlai's funeral.

Entertaining reading

Guan wrote of his kindergarten years, "From 1943 to 1946, I was in a kindergarten called Dafangjia Youzhiyuan. When Japan surrendered, all the Japanese kids stopped coming to school. Their toys were discarded everywhere, and the market was flooded with children's books. I dare say, the number of children's books at that time was no less than today. My favorite children's books were 'The Adventures of Tarzan' and 'Robinson Crusoe.'" I begged my mom for a long time before she finally bought them for me.

As for swimming in Beijing, Guan said, "In the early 1950s, Shishahai (present-day Houhai) was the only place to

go swimming, so all the swimmers went there during the summer. My friends and I went there to swim as well. Since we had no money, we had to decide between buying corn or taking the bus home. Normally, we were so hungry that we chose the corn and ended up walking home."

About the book

If you are looking to get a sense of what life was like for an ordinary Chinese person during the last 60 years, this is the book to get. It covers love in the 1960s and 70s, living conditions and life in Beijing at the founding of new China.

The book consists of over 500 short articles and more than 600 drawings. Guan studied architecture at Tsinghua University, and later worked on major projects in Beijing, like the Great Hall of the People, Tongrentang Chinese Medicine Drugstore and the National Theater.

Bookworm Bookstore Recommendations

By Annie Wei

Jenny Niven from the Bookworm introduced her store's three most requested books earlier this week.

China Shakes the World



By James Kynge (288pp, Houghton Mifflin, 195 yuan)

As a former bureau chief of the Financial Times in Beijing, Kynge demonstrates how China's thirst for jobs, raw materials, energy and new markets – and its export of goods, workers and investments – will dramatically reshape world trade and politics.

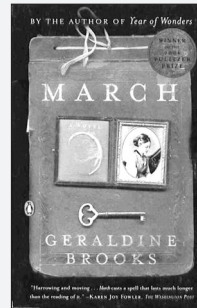
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian



By Marina Lewycka (336pp, Viking, 120yuan)

The appeal of this novel is that it is, on one hand, light, mildly amusing and easy to read, yet on the other hand, it is a deep narrative that moves into sensitive social issues and powerful historical territory. The structure that the writer uses is clever; the digressions into Soviet history demand a certain level of concentration on the part of the reader, while the sections based in the present are original and witty.

March



By Geraldine Brooks (304pp, Penguin, 120 yuan)

The story is beautifully written and richly moving. March is a man of high ideals and unreachable dreams, but his many flaws keep him from acting in a noble or heroic manner. His efforts during the war are both heart-warming and tragic. The writer gives us a glimpse of some little-known aspects of the war, including the running of seized plantations by northern men and former slaves.



By He Jianwei

"B2, B2, there is a traffic jam on the main section of East Fourth Ring Road near Chaoyang Park Bridge."

Maybe you have heard taxi drivers talking to other drivers on one of your recent taxi rides.

This reporter spoke with two drivers, both HAM radio operators, while riding in taxis this weekend. They shared their experiences with HAM radio operation.

HAM radio

The taxi driver's best friend

When I first heard the taxi drivers contact each other, I thought at first it was a communication service operated by the taxi company – that it was something they set up to keep their drivers in better contact with each other.

"It is a HAM radio," Wang Baoyun, a female taxi driver, said when asked about it.

More than three million people are HAM radio hobbyists. These operators create a network of people that can communicate with each other over a broad spectrum of frequencies.

HAM radio in Beijing

More than 600,000 Americans have a HAM radio license. The Federal Communications Commission is required to license all HAM radio users in the US. Licensing follows a rigorous exam.

HAM radio is something that everyone can enjoy. There are people from all walks of life that enjoy this hobby, such as homemakers, students, doctors, engineers and drivers. All of these people have an interest in communicating through wireless technology.

In China, the China Radio Sport Association (CRSA) is an organization in charge with licensing amateur radio fans. People interested in using HAM radio must register with the association in China.

Amateur radio fans in Beijing must register with the Beijing Radio Sport Association. The association organizes training and exams for future members.

HAM on the road

Wang Baoyun has been using a HAM radio for almost half a year. "I got the license last month from the Beijing Radio Sport Association," she said.

The exam to apply for a license is an open-book exam. "It is just a basic exam to make sure that users know all the basics of HAM radio technology," she said.

Wang said she believes that it is a good road guide for her. "I have driven taxis for less than two years, so I'm not familiar with everywhere in Beijing. When I don't know how to get to the passenger's destination, I can ask other drivers for help," she said.

Some taxi drivers like to listen to traffic radio stations to get the latest information, but Wang thought the station's news is not very timely. "With HAM radio, we can know the conditions even before the report from them. If there is a traffic jam, I can get first-hand information from one of the drivers stuck in it," she said.

"It can also cut communication fees, as I have to ask people their routes or for traffic information," she said.

Although she has used HAM radio for only a half year, she found herself addicted to it. "I want to learn more about it," she said.



Making friends over HAM

Li Shengtao is a veteran user. He operates under the famous handle Xiaogang.

"It is a way for taxi drivers to make friends. We don't have many opportunities to talk with people or hang out to see who has similar hobbies," he said.

He is an ardent and keen person, who always provides information to other drivers and answers any questions they propose. "The life of a taxi driver is pretty monotonous. Having other users to talk to keeps me from feeling lonely when I'm at work," he said.

Operators enjoy meeting one another, and often hold organized events called "HAMfest," which is a great chance to meet people with similar hobbies and to make new friends.

Li said most of his friends are made through HAM radio. "We know each other over HAM radio and we meet in our spare time for dinner or travel. It makes us like one big family," he said.

He and his friends visited Wuling Mountain, located in Hebei Province, last month. "We only made it there with the help of Hebei taxi drivers. We ended up lost on the way to Wuling Mountain. It was amazing that we could meet up with other users outside Beijing," he said.

Li said he believes keeping taxi drivers connected through HAM radio is helpful to guarantee the safety of drivers. "When drivers take passengers out to Beijing's suburbs at midnight, they could be in danger of breaking down or getting lost. If there is always another voice on the other end of their HAM radio, it will be a lot safer," he said.



Q&A: Dr. Chang on Cosmetics and Plastics

1. Modern women are having higher demand for breast augmentation. As a breast reshaping and cosmetic surgery expert, what is your attitude towards this trend?

Pursuing beauty is a permanent target in the life of a woman. Following the development of modern civilization and changes of garments and accessories, owning a pair of full and elastic breast and sexy cleavage enables women to have their unique, smooth, mellow and beautiful curves, which have become the necessity for the beauty of women.

2. Not all breast augmentations can bring natural and amazing cleavages. Why?

This relates closely to the pre-operational aesthetic design, operational skills and the shape, size and position of the breast implants. The surgeons must have rich breast cosmetics and surgery experiences accumulated from years to achieve the ideal standards.

3. Does it affect breast feeding after the augmentation?

Today, we place the silicon breast implants under the breast muscles, which does not damage breast glands and milk ducts. Therefore, it will not affect the breast feeding, lead to breast disease, and is scien-

tific and safe.

4. Does breast augmentation bring scars?

I usually make the operations through outer cutting, which ensures the scars slim, hidden and no easy to find. Therefore, it does not affect your outlook.

5. Can augmentation correct the breast suspension and sagging?

Mild sagging breasts can be corrected by mammary implantation, which can also enlarge the breasts and make them full. But serious sagging breasts need addition breast lifting operation.

6. When can I go back to work after breast augmentation?

You need to stay in the hospital for observation for one or two days, and can recover your work in a week.

7. Can inverted nipple be corrected?

Nipple inversion affects the outlook, breast-feeding, and can bring breast inflammation easily. Therefore, it must be corrected by operations.

8. Some female friends are embarrassed and uneasy by the over-size and darkness of their nipple and areola after birth giving. Can it be corrected?

Yes, the operation can be done in regional anesthesia, leave the

scars hidden.

9. Aesthetic and plastic surgery operations have risks. Many celebrities approach you under your reputation and believe they have reached their ideal results after the operations. What do you think are the critical factors in reducing the risks and raising clients' satisfaction?

I always spend time to conduct thorough communication with my clients, understand their cosmetic demands, motivation and aesthetic views.

Most of my clients expect the operations can perfect their outlooks, features, and expect the doctors can help them to become stars, which goes beyond the reality.

I will communicate with them and evaluate their expectation from the angles of aesthetics, psychology, sociology, family and professions.

I'll try my best to let them know the cutting-edge fronts of modern cosmetic and plastic surgery, and lead them to have more practical expectations.

But I will keep the decision rights in my clients' hands.

That explains why I can always find the satisfactory and brilliant smiles on my clients' faces.



Dr. Fiona Chang: Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon

- Associate Professor, Postgraduate supervisor;
- Member of the Plastic Surgery Association of Chinese Medical Association, Beijing branch;
- Over 20 years clinical experience in plastic surgery in the First Affiliated Hospital of China PLA General Hospital (nicknamed "Royal Hospital");

• Trusted by white-collars, celebrities and entrepreneurs

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- Facial wrinkle reduction; face cosmetics and plastics;
- Vaginal cosmetics and plastics;
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Frozen fruit salad recipe from 1950

Ingredients

2 small packages (3 ounces each) of cream cheese
1 cup of mayonnaise
1 cup of heavy cream, whipped
1/2 cup maraschino red cherries, quartered
1/2 cup green maraschino cherries, quartered (or use all red)
1 can of fruit cocktail (16 or 20 ounce size), drained
2 1/2 cups diced marshmallows, about 24 marshmallows

Directions

Beat the cream cheese and mayonnaise together. Add the whipped cream, cherries and drained fruit cocktail, and marshmallows. Pour into a 1-quart freezer container. Garnish with additional maraschino cherries. Freeze the fruit salad until it is firm.

Fruit salad

An indulgence without self-accusation

By Chu Meng

After a delicious meal, it is easy to overindulge on dessert. One way to be sure that you are not eating too much is to limit your portion sizes. Let's be honest though, portioning a dessert can be extremely difficult. I offer a wonderful alternative – simply replace your high fat dessert with a healthy one. My favorite healthy dessert is fruit salad. With several easy steps, you can have an amazing fruit salad ready to be served.

The best part about this dessert is that there is no need for portion control. With no added sugar and a plentiful supply of calcium, Vitamin C and other vitamins, you are not only satiating your sweet tooth, but also supplying your body with nutrients. Serving the fruit salad in a fancy cup only adds to its allure.

Honey-lime fruit salad

Ingredients

1 tablespoon of orange zest
1 cup of freshly squeezed orange juice (from about 3 to 4 oranges)
2 tablespoons of freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 apple
1 pear
1 banana
1 peach
1 nectarine
3/4 cup of melon (honeydew or cantaloupe)
1 cup of pineapple chunks
3/4 cup of seedless red or green grapes, cut in half
1 cup of strawberries, hulled and quartered
1/3 cup of blueberries or pitted cherries

Dressing ingredients

1/3 cup of honey
1/4 cup of lime juice (1 lime)

Pound cake croutons ingredients

8-ounce pound cake
1 to 2 tablespoons of butter
1 tablespoon of minced mint leaves (optional)

Directions

• **Fruit salad**
Place the orange zest, orange juice, and lemon juice in a large bowl. Cut the apple, pear, banana, peach, nectarine and melon into cubes, adding the fruits to the bowl as you cut them to prevent discoloration. Add the remaining fruits. Stir the fruits with the juices, then cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Mix thoroughly before serving.

• Honey-lime dressing

In a medium bowl, whisk together the honey and lime juice until it is smooth.

• Pound cake croutons

Heat the oven to 350°C. With a long, sharp knife, slice the pound cake into cubes. Place them on a baking sheet and bake for 12 minutes, turning twice, until golden. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in the mint, if using, then add the toasted pound cake.

Sauté for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden. Place the salad into serving bowls, drizzle it with the honey-lime dressing, and then top it off with the pound cake croutons. Makes 6 cups.

Cherry fruit salad with yogurt dressing

Ingredients

2 cups of pitted sweet cherries
1 small pineapple, pared and cut into spears
1 grapefruit, peeled and cut into segments
1 orange, peeled and cut into segments
1/2 small honey melon, pared and cut into spears
1/2 cup of yogurt
3 tablespoons of orange juice
1 tablespoon of reduced calorie mayonnaise
1 tablespoon of lemon juice
1 tablespoon of sugar

Directions

Arrange the cherries, pineapple, grapefruit, orange and melon on a serving dish. Serve with orange yogurt dressing by combining yogurt, orange juice, mayonnaise, lemon juice and sugar; blend until smooth. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of orange peels. Makes about 3/4 cup.

Fruit salad with homemade ice cream

Ingredients

4 ripe bananas
2 apples
3 tablespoons of dates (dried)
4 tablespoons of raisins
Ice cream ingredients
2 cups of heavy cream
1/4 cup of honey
8 ounces of Cool Whip
1/2 tablespoon of vanilla
1/2 a banana
Sugar

Directions

Blend the half ripe banana into a smooth paste. Add the heavy cream, honey, Cool Whip, vanilla, sugar and beat the mixture for about 5 minutes. Freeze it for about four hours and then beat it again in a food processor – your homemade ice cream is ready.



Chop the bananas, peel and chop the apples, mix them together and sprinkle some sugar on top. (Tip: sprinkling some sugar on cut apples and bananas help them from discoloring.) Add chopped dates and raisins and mix them into the homemade ice cream. Keep it in the fridge for at least six hours, letting the fruits soak into the ice cream nicely before serving. Enjoy!

Almond Peach Chicken Salad

Ingredients

2 cups of diced chicken
1 cup of green grapes – halved
1/2 cup of toasted almonds
1 cup of mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/2 cup of sour cream
White pepper
Salt

Directions

Combine the sour cream with the mayonnaise and add diced chicken until it is thoroughly mixed. Add grapes, but be careful not to squish them. Then add almonds, salt and pepper, and refrigerate. Best served on a croissant.

Strawberry and lettuce salad with hazelnut dressing

Ingredients

1/2 cup of hazelnuts (3 ounces)
1 tablespoon of vinegar
1 to 1/2 teaspoons of fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon of minced shallot
1 teaspoon of sugar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons of olive oil
2 teaspoons of hazelnut oil
3/4 pound of lettuce (9 cups), discard tough stems
1/2 pound of strawberries (1 1/2 cups), trimmed and quartered lengthwise
1/2 cup of mild fresh goat cheese (2 ounces), crumbled

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit

Roast the nuts in a shallow baking pan in the middle of the



oven until golden for 10 to 15 minutes. Rub the warm hazelnuts in a kitchen towel to remove the skin. Do not worry if some of the skin does not come off. Cool the nuts and then chop them.

Whisk together vinegar, lemon juice, shallot, sugar, salt, and pepper. Add oils in a slow stream, whisking until combined well. Toss together the lettuce, strawberries, hazelnuts and dressing. Divide the salad in different plates and then add the goat cheese.

Fruit Salad with vanilla dressing

Ingredients

1/2 cup of plain yogurt
1/4 cup of mayonnaise
1 teaspoon of lemon juice
1 teaspoon of honey
1 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon of salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 apple, cored and diced
1 cup of seedless grapes, halved
1 pear, peeled, cored and diced
10 to 12 medium size strawberries, halved
1 mango, peeled and diced
1 banana, sliced
1/3 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

Directions

In a small mixing bowl whisk together the yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, honey, vanilla



extract and salt. Season it with pepper to add to the taste. Place all of the fruit and the nuts into a large bowl and mix them together. Add the dressing, toss the salad and serve.

Home solutions to beat the heat

By Huang Daohen

The noon sun is blazing, and with the hottest season upon us, our thoughts have turned to keeping cool and comfortable indoors.

This week, Beijing Today brings you a list of the coolest products for beating the heat.



Fan cooled portable seat cushion

Anxious about sitting on that blazing-hot seat in the office? This 12-volt self-cooling cushion is the perfect solution. This seat will keep your seat and back cool, even on the hottest days. No more embarrassing sweat stains!

The secret to this cooler is its powered fan in the front. This fan circulates air through hundreds of tiny spaces in the micro fibers of the cushion to keep breezy, comfortable air between you and your suffocating seat. It will definitely keep you cool and comfortable when you are buried under mountains of daily work.

Price: 199 yuan

Available: 7F, Grand Pacific Shopping Mall, Xidan, Xicheng



Soft ice cooling pillow

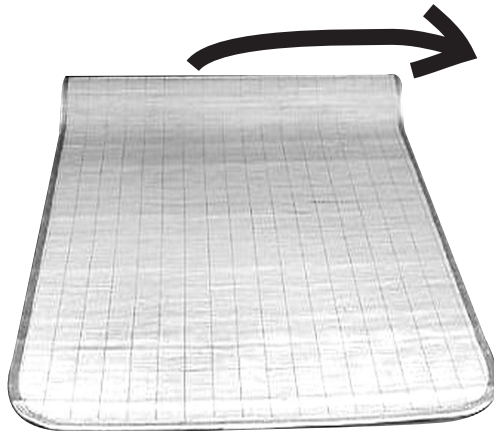
On a hot, humid evening, keep a cool head by sticking a soft ice-pack inside this pillowcase.

The ice pack is non-toxic and stays soft and flexible right out of the freezer. The pack absorbs heat and then dissipates it back into the air.

The pillow is great for people who experience hot flashes at night, or who just want a cool, comfortable sleep. However, it is not recommended for children under five.

Price: 34 yuan

Available: taobao.com



Cooling bamboo mat

Whether it is used as a simple floor mat or a summer time mattress, one of the purest elements in Asian design is the bamboo mat. It is made of thin, uniform strips of bamboo which have been woven tightly together. The silky fringe adds a bit of contrast and brings the piece together.

Since the mat can keep you cool as you relax, you can switch off the costly air conditioner to conserve electricity and contribute to cutting Beijing's pollution.

Price: 99 yuan

Available: Tiankelong Markets in Beijing

Art-Deco-inspired ice crusher

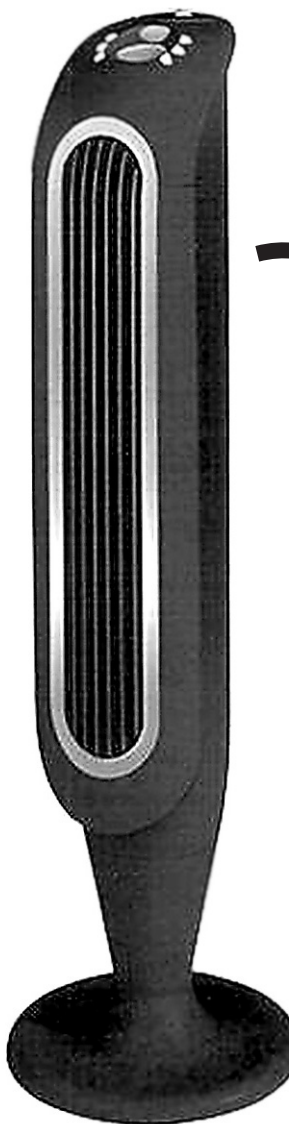
An ice crusher is an important tool for the home bar, and particularly appropriate and convenient when it comes to entertaining summer-guests.

Party hosts will want to snap up this exquisite ice crusher for serving the most authentic drinks. Not only is the crusher's design reminiscent of the late-1930s, but the metal and chrome construction echoes the tones of royalty.

The crusher offers a quick and easy way to make crushed ice. Simply place the ice cubes in the top and crank the handle. In seconds, you've got crushed ice.

Price: US\$41.88

Available: Amazon.com



3-Speed digital tower fan

Comfort is important to all of us. There's nothing quite like the cold blast of an air-conditioned home on a scorching summer day.

This three-speed digital tower fan exudes the feel of a spring breeze throughout your home. You can turn on the breeze mode to simulate a gentle outdoor wind, or set the fan to shut off at hourly intervals. Best of all, this fan's ionizer and dust filter can provide relief from allergies.

In addition to providing relief from heat and humidity, the tower fan can also be a great decoration.

Price: 249 yuan

Available: Wal-Mart Supermarkets in Beijing

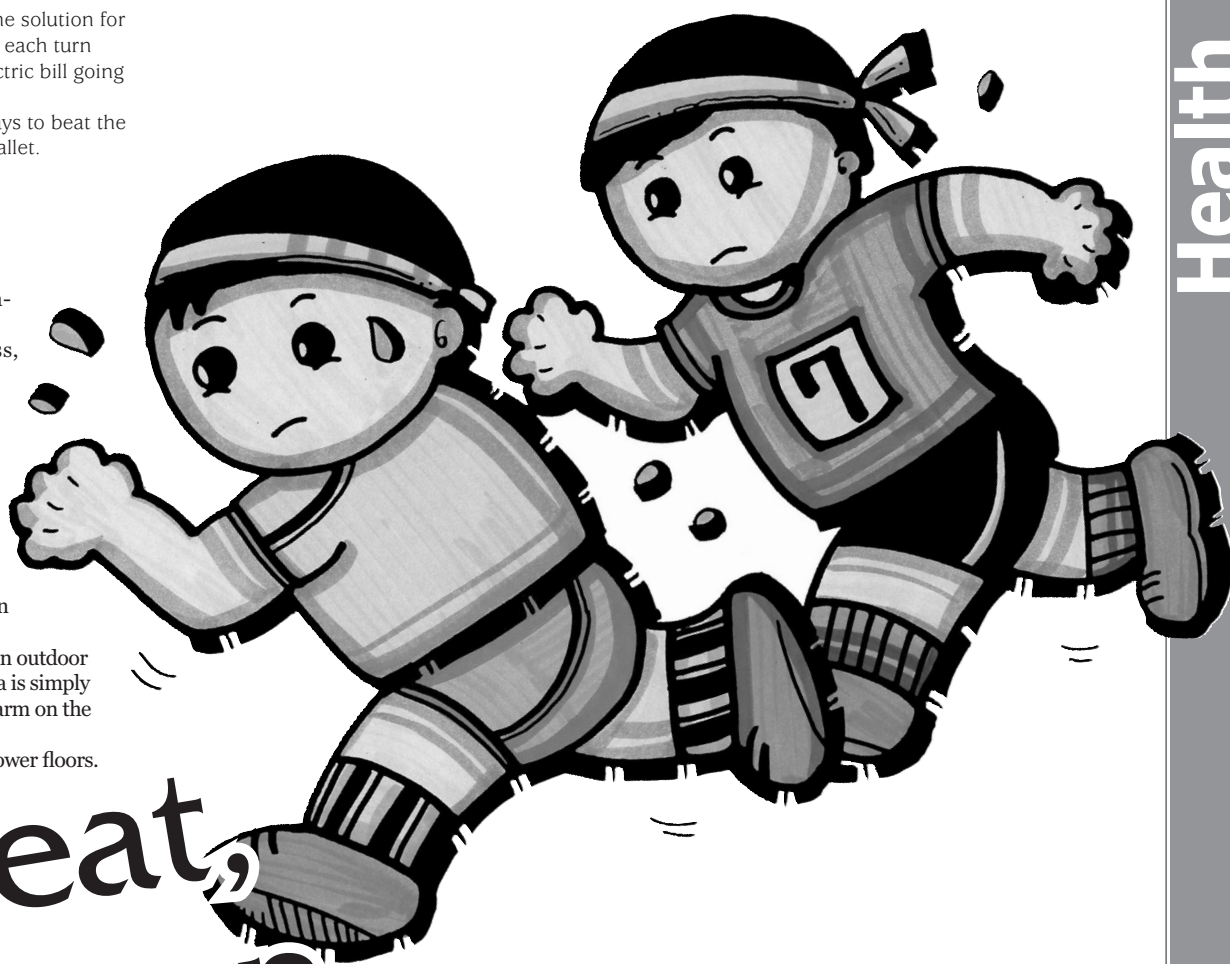
By Han Manman

Staying home and cranking up the air conditioner is the solution for a lot of people to "beat the heat" in the summer. But with each turn of the air conditioner (AC) dial, you might notice your electric bill going through the roof.

It turns out that there are plenty of cheap and easy ways to beat the summer heat without beating the environment or your wallet.

Natural way to keep cool

1. Be a fan-atic. Instead of reaching for the AC, consider the always-underrated ceiling fan. It uses dramatically less energy than an air conditioner, costs less, is a breeze to install, and cools like a charm. And for you do-it-yourself types, there's always the classic hand fan: a newspaper, magazine, or a brochure.
2. Consume cold stuff. Take full-advantage of your fridge by filling it up with bottled water. You could also keep one in the freezer for those extra hot days. Eat small, light meals, and foods high in water content, like fruits and vegetables.
3. Turn off the hot stuff. Switch off your computer and lights when you are not using them, and forgo using the oven if you can.
4. Get out of the kitchen. Forget your indoor stove or even outdoor grill – you've already got the sun. Heating your afternoon tea is simply a matter of leaving some tealeaves in a glass and letting it warm on the window sill.
5. Keep it on the down low. Heat rises, so try to stay on lower floors.



Keep heat costs down

CFP Photos

If you've got a stone or tile floor, wipe it off and lie down on it for a cool respite.

6. Let in the breeze. Circulate air by opening windows, especially those on the north and south of your house or apartment – but keep out the heat with some white window shades. Drench some sheets in water (or wash some clothes) and hang them over the windows to let the water evaporate in the breeze, creating a lovely cooling effect.

7. Take a cool shower. It's a quick way to chill out and also keep the air in your home cool. You could also throw some rose water in a spray bottle and give yourself a light misting now and then. It will also help cover up your less-than-pleasant summer fragrance.

8. Plant some trees. If you live in a house, planting trees on the south and west sides of your home will provide enough shade in the summer. Opt for deciduous trees, which provides shade in the summer and allows light and radiant heat to pass through in the winter.

And if you must use the air conditioner. Remember to keep doors and windows closed to maximize cooling. Also make sure you're using an energy-efficient Energy Star model, and clean the filter every so often to improve the airflow. In addition, consider using an electric fan to supplement the air conditioner.



Health risks aren't cool

While we are seeking ways to cool ourselves down, we also need to have a balance. According to the Beijing Friendship Hospital outpatient department, they often have a number of patients in the summer due to using improper methods to cool off.

The following are frequent ways that cause health risks:

1. Overusing the air conditioner

Air conditioning is indispensable during the summer months in Beijing, but excessive and prolonged exposure might also be harmful.

"More patients have come to the hospital recently with colds and fevers, most were because they stayed in air-conditioned rooms for too long or with put the temperature too low," doctor Liu Rui from Beijing Puren Hospital said.

Liu said most patients complained of dizziness, lack of energy, headaches and a loss of appetite after having stayed in air-conditioned rooms too long.

People are prone to catching colds or contracting respiratory diseases if room temperatures are set too low, or there is not enough fresh air.

When it is hot, your pores are open to adapt while your heat is discharged from the pores. The human body cannot immediately cope at first when

entering a cold room. It is also apparent that those who spend an inordinate amount of time in an air-conditioned environment are not able to readily cope with hot temperatures. As a result, severe heat waves are now taking more lives. In addition to this, many people have gotten sick by extreme variances between indoor and outdoor temperatures.

2. Sleeping with the fan on

The problems associated with fans are generally due to overuse. Fans aggravate the effects of arthritis and neuritis and also cause trouble for those with sinus troubles. Studies between those who sleep with a fan on and those that do not, have consistently shown that the people exposed to fans at night are much more susceptible to getting colds, the flu or other minor ailments, like dry skin.

3. Avoid cold showers after sweating

It may seem obvious to have a cold shower or bath after a long, sweaty day, but is far from ideal. If your skin gets too cold, your body will reduce blood flow to the skin's surface and shut off sweat glands in a confused attempt to conserve heat – the opposite of what you want.

So, even if you're going home right after your work-

out, it's a wise idea to at least rinse the sweat off your skin. It's better to rest for at least 30 minutes before taking a shower. It has no adverse effects if you decide to take a shower after a long rest. For some people who do not usually shower after exercising, often experience pain in their joints.

Another thing to remember is that if you take a cold shower and then step back into the heat, your body will start sweating in response to the temperature change.

4. Frosty drinks aren't the answer

Avoid very cold drinks, because while seemingly appropriate, they can actually cause stomach cramps and increase your heart rate. So, when you sweat and are very thirsty, drink a small quantity of warm water and then continue to drink more afterwards.

5. Don't sit on the wood

An old Chinese saying advises, "Don't sit on stone in the winter and don't sit on wood in the summer." With high temperatures and heavy humidity, sitting on a wood chair, especially one that has been outside for a considerable amount of time is very unhealthy. After being exposed to the sunshine and rain, its dampness is seriously affected and can cause skin diseases, as well as rheumatism and arthritis.

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Carrot Museum

Locals in Berlotte, near Eynatten in eastern Belgium, have created and maintained the Carrot Club & Carrot Museum for fun. The museum is in a small village of 30 houses.

Berlotte's Carrot Museum is 100 percent dedicated to carrots, but has little detailed information about history or cultivation.

The museum has carrot exhibits, each of which has near labels and is visible through a window in a defunct electrical tower. Because of its small size, you can only view the museum from the outside.

On the outside of the tower is a carrot clock, carrot weather vane, carrot design on the ground in stone and a carrot light.

The unusual museum was built in an electric station which dates back to 1910.

Since the Carrot Museum is small and was founded by locals, it is difficult to provide any accurate information about it. On a website at carrotmuseum.co.uk, one world-traveler with a passion for museums virtual tour.

The Bata Shoe Museum

The Bata Shoe Museum is North America's biggest shoe museum. It houses as many as 10,000 shoes in its award-winning building designed by Raymond Moriyama in Toronto, Canada.

Although the human foot has remained unchanged for thousands of years, what people have worn on their feet shows incredible diversity, which in turn reveals many interesting aspects of culture.

The museum celebrates the style and function of footwear in four impressive galleries. Artifacts on exhibit range from Chinese bound-foot shoes and ancient Egyptian sandals to chestnut-crushing clogs and glamorous platform shoes. Over 4,500 years of history and a collection of 20th century celebrity shoes are reflected in the semi-permanent exhibition, All About Shoes. Three other galleries feature special exhibitions.

At present, several exhibitions are held in the museums on different themes – All About Shoes: Footwear Through the Ages, Watched by Heaven, Tied to Earth: Summoning Animal Protection for Chinese Children and The Charm of Rococo: Femininity and Footwear in the 18th Century.

The Watched by Heaven is about ancient footwear for Chinese children. For centuries, animal symbols have been used as protectors for Chinese children on shoes and garments. The exhibit features over 200 exquisite shoes, elaborate sets and beautifully-crafted garments.

It invites visitors to wander through its temple-inspired gallery and enter a charming world ruled by sewn, painted, appliquéd and embroidered animals. Learn about the myriad of hidden meanings and the symbolism of the Chinese zodiac.

Where: 327 Bloor St West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1W7

Admission: Adults, CA\$12

Senior citizens, CA\$10

Students (with ID), CA\$6

Children under five are free

Open: Monday, 10am-5pm
Tuesday to Wednesday, Friday to Saturday, 10am-5pm

Thursday, 10am-8pm, free from 5pm-8pm

Sunday, 12pm to 5pm

Tel: +1-416-979 7799



Just For Laughs Museum

The Just For Laughs Museum (JFLM) was constructed atop the ruins of a 19th-century brewery on the Saint-Laurent Boulevard in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Its many rooms are decorated with the theme of laughter.

In 1993, following the success of the Just For Laughs Festival, Gilbert Rozon constructed the JFLM to recognize laughter and humor as a cultural phenomena.

Today, the museum is a venue for thematic exhibitions, a multi-functional space for the presentation of public, private or professional events and documentation center for the promotion, research and distribution of information about laughter, humor and fantasy.

From ancient to modern culture, from literature to arts, and from drama to comedy, every independent room in the museum is dedicated to a theme that makes people laugh. The museum celebrates these aspects of the human condition using a fun approach that appeals to a diverse audience.

Over the past several years, the JFLM has assembled the world's largest archive of comedic video and audio. Large television services and universities have consulted the museum's archive for broadcast and research.

In the International Humor Hall of Fame Exhibition, the 100 best clips of the 100 greatest comics of the last 100 years are exhibited, from Woody Allen to Johnny Carson, Roberto Benigni to Louis de Funès, and from Ding and Dong to Dodo. The exhibition helps relive their greatest moments on stage, television and film.

Where: 2111 Saint-Laurent Boulevard, Montréal, Québec, Canada H2X 2T5

Admission: Children (four to twelve years old) CA\$5, Adults (13 and over) CA\$9

Open: Tuesday to Saturday, 1pm to 10pm, Sunday, 1pm to 7pm

Ticket counter: +1-514-845 5105

Reservations: +1-514-845 3440 ext 2388

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(By Jackie Zhang)



Pirates of the Caribbean III At World's End (2007)

Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Bill Nighy, Chow Yun-Fat, Jack Davenport, Naomie Harris

Synopsis: After Elizabeth, Will and Captain Barbossa rescue Captain Jack Sparrow from the land of the dead, they must face their foes, Davey Jones and Lord Cutler Beckett. Beckett, now with control of Jones's heart, forms a dark alliance with him to rule the seas and wipe out the last of the pirates. Now, Jack, Barbossa, Will, Elizabeth, Tia Delma and the crew must call the Pirate Lords from the four corners of the globe, including the infamous Sao Feng, to the gathering. The Pirate Lords want to release the goddess Calypso, Davey Jones's damned lover, from the curse they placed on her out of fear. To break the curse, they must combine the nine pieces of eight they bound her with in the ritual. The pirates are forced to make their final stand for freedom.

Scene 1: Singapore Harbor, wharf, night

(Asian junks are jammed into raised, crisscrossing docks. Weird shadows are cast by hanging lamps. Elizabeth Swann pilots a small boat with a long pole through the maze of ropes, stairways, rafts and skiffs. It's Singapore's harbor, a place of danger and decadence⁽¹⁾, mystery and magic. Elizabeth sings softly and slowly.)

Elizabeth: *(singing)* Came all ye young fellers that follows the sea ...

Elizabeth: *(continues)* Came all ye young fellers that follows the sea ...

(A voice in the dark answers, completing the line.)

Man: *(singing)* To my way have, blow the man down ...

(Elizabeth changes course, toward the voice. The singer is an Asian man, crouched on a platform. Cleaning fish in a pile of guts up to his elbows, he raises his eyes to Elizabeth and points.)

Elizabeth: I've a deep water Clipper just in from Hong Kong ...

(Another voice in the dark before her answers.)

Old man: Give us the time and we'll blow the man down.

(The old man washes clothes on floating dock; he gestures for Elizabeth to continue on her path.)

Elizabeth sings: If you'll give me some grog, then I'll sing you a song ...

(A dark figure stands on the dock before her.)

Dark figure: To my way, have, blow the man down!

(The Figure turns – is revealed to be Barbossa. He is flanked by half a dozen Chinese soldiers.)

Barbossa: Bring him.

(Pintel and Ragetti stand up in the boat and reveal a hooded prisoner, bound, between them in the boat. He is lifted out. They start to move forward, but one of the soldiers holds up a hand. He twirls a finger for the Prisoner to be turned away. The soldier rips away the prisoner's shirt to reveal an elaborate tattoo of a dragon on his back.)

Barbossa: Don't fight him one at a time. Rush him all at once, all of you.

(Soldiers rush the Prisoner and he is overwhelmed, falling to the dock. Elizabeth presses a knife under his chin, letting him feel it.)

Elizabeth: You don't realize, do you? It doesn't matter to us if you are alive or dead.

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Scene 2: Temple, night

(Barbossa leads the group into a modest temple with plain floors, walls and bamboo tapestries⁽²⁾.)

(Opposite him is captain Sao Feng, the notorious Chinese Pirate, flanked by his pirate soldiers. Behind Sao Feng, sitting on a raised throne, is a young, beautiful Chinese dragon lady.)

Barbossa: My Lady. I am pleased to return and see you are well. I bring you a gift – the treacherous⁽³⁾ Lang Si, who enslaved your brother many years ago.

(The soldier turns the prisoner around to reveal the dragon tattoo. Many of the soldiers react and scowl⁽⁴⁾ in anger.)

(Sao Feng holds up a hand.)

Sao Feng: The Lady thanks you.

Barbossa: And does the depth of her generosity extend to a gift in return? Perhaps the charts we discussed?

(Sao Feng opens a satchel⁽⁵⁾, revealing a set of charts inside.)

Sao Feng: The charts are here. The Lady knows of your interest in Jack Sparrow, who is known to us as a scoundrel⁽⁶⁾ and evildoer⁽⁷⁾ and who himself has a price on his head.

(Elizabeth pushes forward.)

Elizabeth: How much?

(Sao Feng focuses on Elizabeth; looks at Barbossa.)

Sao Feng: I commend your choice in a traveling companion. I fear we chose the wrong payment.

Barbossa: The Wench⁽⁸⁾ is not for sale at this moment.

Elizabeth: Wench?

(Barbossa implores her to silence with a look.)

Barbossa: The charts?

Sao Feng: I can tell you that Jack Sparrow resides in Davy Jones's Locker, which lies on the path to the Land of the Dead.

Barbossa: Just like Jack, to cheat death.

Sao Feng: He will suffer for eternity. Some say Death would be kinder, but Davy Jones never gives up what he takes from the sea.

Vocabulary

- Decadence:** a fall to a lower or worse level; a state of having low standards of behavior or morality.
- Tapestry:** heavy cloth on which colored threads are woven to produce a picture or pattern.

- Treacherous:** showing great disloyalty and deceit; full of hidden dangers.
- Scowl:** a threatening expression which shows anger or strong disapproval.
- Satchel:** a small bag of strong cloth or leather with a band for carrying over the shoulder.

- Scoundrel:** a wicked, selfish, dishonest man.
- Evildoer:** a person who does evil.
- Wench:** a girl or young woman from the countryside.

(By Zhao Hongyi)

Do you really have a house?

Chinglish story

This column is drawn from amusing daily Chinglish mistakes. If you have any comical experiences to share, send them to Gan Tian at gantian@ynet.com.

By Han Manman

Last weekend, I was invited to a cocktail party at my friend's place. I had a great time there and met with a lot of different people. At midnight, a British couple, John and Lisa, asked me if I needed a lift home.

"Where do you live?" John asked. "My house is not far from San Yuan bridge," I said. "Oh, you have a house by yourself?" Lisa said, acting surprised. I was confused by her question and assumed she was inquiring whether I lived with my parents or by myself. "Yes, it's my own house. I don't live with my parents and I pay for it by

myself," I answered.

"Wow, that's great! You look so young!" Lisa said. I honestly felt that they were making too big a deal about this since it's often suggested that western people are very independent from a young age and almost always move out of their parents' homes after graduating from either high school or college. I graduated from university over two years ago and thought that it was very normal to be living by myself. I gained the impression from them that they thought Chinese people in their 20s were still very dependent on their parents.

Half an hour later, the car was

near San Yuan bridge and John asked me to point to where my place was. "There, there!" I pointed at a high-rise building.

"Oh ... you mean that apartment?" John asked. "Yes, I live on the first floor," I said, adding, "I rented the house for two years at 1,000 yuan per month for one bedroom, one kitchen and one wash-room – not very expensive," I said.

John laughed and told me that the place I live in is not a house but an apartment. Only the wealthy in China own what one could really consider a "house." A house – in the western sense – often has a front and backyard with gardens

and in most cases an upstairs and a downstairs. The kitchen, dining room, living room and a bathroom generally downstairs, with the bedrooms and an additional bathroom upstairs.

I totally understood now why they seemed so surprised and said how great it was that I had my own house. I also suddenly realized why my two American friends excitedly accepted my invitation to live in my house prior to visiting Beijing, but kindly rebuffed the offer after actually seeing my place.

I feel kind of embarrassed about it now and won't be making that mistake again.

Chinglish on the way

This column aims to identify Chinglish in public areas. If you see any Chinglish signs, please take a picture and send them to gantian@ynet.com with your name and address.



Toilet Water

By Derrick Sobodash

A few nights ago, I found a curious spray bottle on my girlfriend's nightstand. The Chinese read something like "flower-dew water," which was meaningless to me.

Then I found the English: toilet water.

When she returned, I asked her what it was for. She said it was scented water to help you cool off and repel mosquitoes.

My first guess was insect repellent, until I learned that not all *hua lu shui* repel insects.

Seeking the answer, we turned on her pocket translator. The result was "toilet water." The latest PowerWord confirmed it, citing the Oxford Concise E-C C-E Dictionary (OCD).

Well met, Oxford. When last I saw you, I was but a writing teacher.

The OCD is bad, and anyone who translates should fear it. When I first studied Chinese, it was the only dictionary available. Never did a word I found in it turn out to be correct. It cost me many points on homework; predictably, it cost my students many points on theirs.

Hua lu shui is a weakly-mixed cologne; in French, it is called "eau de toilette."

In the US, "eau de toilette" is sold as "cologne" – we are not picky enough about scents to tell the difference. If that is too plain or misleading, try "scented mist," or just use the French.

I'm sure Francophone readers will pounce on me to ask, "How else do you translate 'eau de toilette'?"

You got me. There isn't another way to translate those words. But translating words instead of meanings is the root of Chinglish.

North Americans do not associate "toilet" with the same meaning you do. A personal grooming item is a "toiletry" – "toilet" is reserved for one object: the thunder mug.

Water from the number-one place to relieve your number-two business is not something to splash on your face.

Enjoy that lovely image the next time you reach for a bottle of "toilet water."

Blacklist

Beijing Today has come up with Blacklist, a new column of words or phrases commonly misused by Chinese speakers. If you're planning to be an English teacher, reporter or employee of a multinational company, then this page is your new best friend. Watch for it each week.

By Derrick Sobodash

1. "He is a French"

This is an especially attractive mistake for Chinese writers. After all, if people can get away with using the adjective "German" without "person" after it, as in, "He is a German," then why can't they get away with the same for French? Technically, were one to pen "He is a French person," it would be correct – though awkward. France is one of several countries whose people have their own word in English. A man from France is a Frenchman; a man from England is an Englishman. Of course, since nothing in English can ever follow a rule, a man from Spain is obviously a Spaniard.

2. "Print advice?"

This appears on every single ATM screen in the city – even Bank of China's. If the government wants to clean up Chinglish for the Olympics, this would be a good place to start. The first time this writer saw the message, he assumed the machine was going to print out lucky numbers or stock advice. Who could have imagined it actually wanted it print a transaction receipt?

3. "He shakes hands last Wednesday"

Tense agreement is the

number two problem for Chinese writers when dealing with English. "To shake" is an irregular verb, and "shakes" is a simple present tense conjugation of the verb. This means it is happening right now, though not at the exact second of speaking – that would be present progressive. One cannot tack a past time word onto the sentence, because this creates a conflict. Instead, either drop "last Wednesday," or use the simple past tense conjugation "spoke."

4. "Thank you, and welcome to take Beijing taxi"

Heard this one before? How this one has continued despite the Chinglish clean-up efforts is beyond comprehension. The whole sentence is bungled in every way possible. First off, the infinitive verb has to go – it should be "taking." Secondly, the proposition is wrong. We thank someone "for" doing something, not "to" doing something. "Welcome" could not have been thrown in a worse place either: it should go at the beginning of the sentence. "Taxi" is also a countable noun, which means it need an "a" before it. One way to correct this would be, "Welcome, and thank you for taking a Beijing taxi."

One step from Chinglish

Below are word-pairs so similar, they often confuse non-native English speakers. Some mistakes have even led to Chinglish jokes.

1. Wild / Fierce / Savage

"Wild" means something living in a state of nature, not tamed or domesticated, like "some wild horses still live in the valley." "Fierce" is often used to describe something violent in force or intensity – fierce winds or fierce competition. Among the three, "savage" is the strongest. It means something or someone is uncivilized, barbarous, or unpolished, like "My friend acts like a savage when he drinks."

2. Wither / Fade

The definition of wither means to dry up or shrivel from, as if from loss of moisture. It could also be used to render someone speechless or incapable of action; stunned: The teacher withered the noisy student with a glance.

Fade means to lose brightness, loudness, or brilliance gradually; to dim: The lights and music faded as we set sail from the harbor.

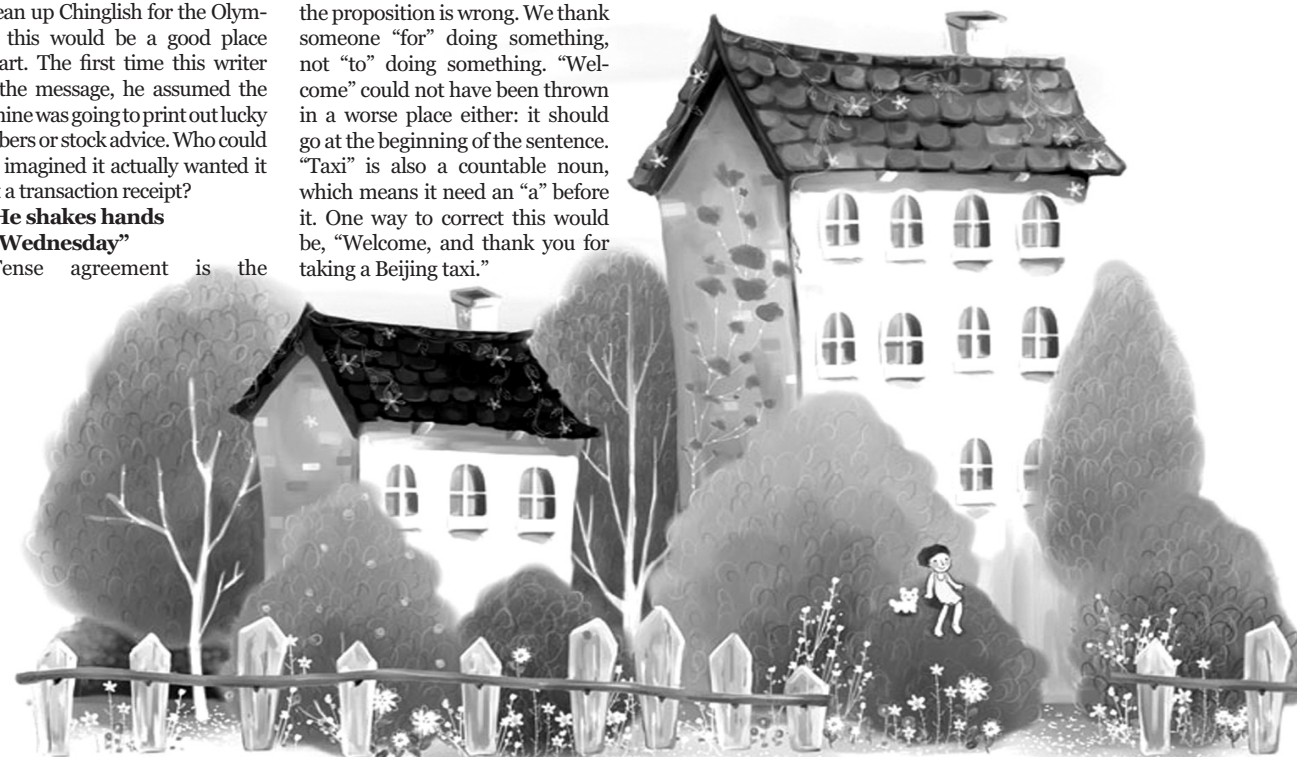
3. Waiter / Servant / Attendant

A waiter is one who "waits" on tables, often at a restaurant or a bar. A female who "waits" on tables is often called a waitress. Waiters and waitresses can also be employed in private homes.

A servant is an agent who is not an independent contractor. One who works for, and is subject to, the control of the master; a person employed to "perform services in the affairs of another and who with respect to the physical conduct in the performance of the services is subject to the other's control or right to control.

An attendant is someone who takes care of something or somebody. For example, "After the auto accident, Brett needed an attendant to help at home." Positions may include: flight attendant, car attendant, auto attendant, museum attendant or automated attendant.

(By Gan Tian)





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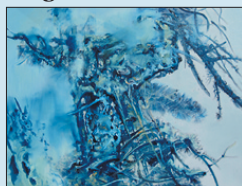
Where: Beijing Central Art Gallery
& Cultural Venue, 02 Riverville Square,
Tianzhu, Shunyi

When: Daily 9am-8pm, until June 15

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Tel: 6450 8483, 6450 8646

Wu Mengchun Solo Exhibition



Wu Mengchun's paintings are influenced by his strong Buddhist beliefs. Wu wants his current series to encourage people to reflect on the elegance of traditional Chinese culture, which he feels is being abandoned to the detriment of society at large.

Where: Art Scene Beijing, No 2
Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, until
June 20

Admission: Free

Tel: 6431 6962

Xiaoma's Forest – Ma Yanhong Solo Exhibition

Where: C5 Art, No 5 Sanlitun Xiwu
Jie, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-7pm, until June 20

Admission: Free

Tel: 6460 3950

Jose de Guimaraes Solo Exhibition



The exhibition displays 35 pieces by Guimaraes. They are representative works which present his artistic track over the past 13 years, allowing audiences to witness the coherence of his work.

Where: Today Art Museum, No 32
Baiziwan Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-5pm, until
June 22

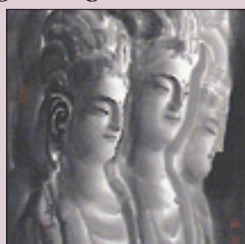
Admission: Free

Tel: 5876 9690

Saturday, June 9

Exhibition

Wang Yuliang Solo Exhibition



Where: Melodic Art Gallery, No 14
Jianguomen Wai Dajie, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-4:30pm, until
June 25

Admission: Free

Tel: 6515 8123

Since ...

– Contemporary Art Exhibition

Where: The 2nd Space of Beijing
Gao Brothers Art Center, Dashanzi Art
district, No 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-6pm, until June 28

Admission: Free

Tel: 8459 9577

Chinese Soul

– Judas Arrieta Solo Exhibition



Born in Spain in 1971, Judas Arrieta started showing his works 13 years ago and has held more than 20 solo exhibitions and more than 100 group shows in Spain, France, Germany, the UK, Japan and China. He is the first Spanish artist with a studio in Beijing and has been working here since 2005.

Where: Shoreman Art Gallery,
Dashanzi Art District, No 4 Jiuxianqiao
Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-6pm, until June 29

Admission: Free

Tel: 8459 9265

Sunday, June 10

Exhibition

Li Yin Solo Exhibition



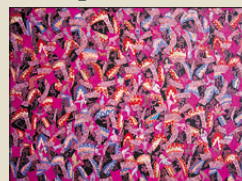
Where: Gallery Beijing Space, 3818
Warehouse, No 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10am-6pm, until June 30

Admission: Free

Tel: 8459 9304, 133 8122 1188

Attitude – China Contemporary Artists Group Exhibition



Where: 3+3 Space, Dashanzi Art
District, No 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Mon-Sun 10am-6pm,

until July 5

Admission: Free

Tel: 6437 9942

Movie

Changement d'Adresse

David, a timid and awkward yet appealing musician, has recently arrived in Paris looking for work with an orchestra, and a place to live. After meeting ditzy blonde Anne in the street, he's soon sharing her flat – and, occasionally, her bed, despite her professed attraction to another man. They console, advise, and encourage each other with their various romantic entanglements, especially David's obsession with his young student, Julia, the beautiful, taciturn daughter of a rich woman.

Where: French Culture Center, 18
Guangcai International Apartments,
Gongti Xi Lu, Chaoyang

When: 7:30pm

Admission: 10-20 yuan

Tel: 6553 2627

Stage in July

Dance

Cloud Gates



Cloud Gates will return to the Beijing stage after 14 years to perform "Tale of the White Serpent and Unforgettable Moments of Cloud Gates" and "Water Moon."

According to a local legend, Cloud Gate is the name of the oldest known dance in China, a ritual dance that is over 5,000 years old. In 1973, choreographer Lin Hwai-min adopted this classical name for the first contemporary dance company in China: Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan.

Where: Poly Theater, No
14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie,
Dongcheng

When: 7:30pm, July 11-15

Admission: 200-1,200 yuan

Tel: 6416 9990, 6417 0058

Red Cloud in the Sky

This original dance drama is to commemorate the Long March.

Who: Shanghai Dance
Theater

Where: Beijing Exhibition
Theater, No 135 Xizhimen Wai
Dajie, Xicheng District

When: 7:30pm, July 1

Admission: 100-680 yuan

Music

Canadian Girls Chorus



A total of 18 songs will be performed, including Haec Est Dies, Ave Maria, Laudate Pueri Dominum, Wir eilen mit schwachen, Sanctus, Dome Epais, The Snow, Away From the Roll of the Sea, Prairie Boy, Mi'kmaq Honour Song, I Went To The Market, Flower Drum Song, Queen Jane, We Rise Again, Living In A Holy City, The Storm Is Passing Over, Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down and Shiru!

Who: Madison Girls' Chorus

Where: Zhongshan Music
Hall, inside Zhongshan Park,
Dongcheng

When: 7:30pm, July 18

Admission: 10-100 yuan

2007 Symphony Season

Who: China National Sym-
phony Orchestra

Where: Beijing Concert Hall,
No 1 Beixinhua Dajie, Xicheng

When: 7:30pm, until July 21

Admission: 180-500 yuan

San Francisco

Children's Chorus

Who: San Francisco Chil-
dren's Chorus

Where: Zhongshan Music
Hall, inside Zhongshan Park,
Dongcheng

When: 7:30pm, July 24

Admission: 10-100 yuan

(By Qiu Jiaoning)

